



## **Module Specification**

### Politics and Society in the Global Age

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Politics and Society in the Global Age

**Module code:** UZSST6-30-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

**Department:** HAS Dept of Social Sciences

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Sociology and Criminology

**Module type:** Module

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Not applicable

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** See Learning Outcomes.

**Outline syllabus:** The Development and nature of modern political ideology including liberalism, conservatism, socialism, nationalism, fascism and anarchism.

The development and form of social movement politics including the labour movement, women's movement, civil rights movement, peace movement, ecology movement.

The sociology of power and social change including a focus on the nature and form of power in contemporary society; the development and crisis of the modern state; the development and form of citizenship; the development and form of social and political identity; and political violence and terrorism.

The impact of globalization on political institutions, political identities and forms of social and political protest and mobilization.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** The teaching and learning methods are focused on developing subject knowledge, sociological understanding and intellectual and work-relevant transferrable skills that will enhance the academic and career development of students. Lectures provide an introduction to relevant topics and areas of enquiry and disseminate the key subject knowledge which is fundamental to developing sociological understanding. This is explored and enhanced in seminars and tutorials which enable students to apply this knowledge and understanding to the analysis of political institutions, political identities and forms of social and political protest and mobilization. Teaching and learning are supported by Blackboard which provides on-line and remote access to teaching and learning resources and a platform for student assessment and feedback.

Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; external visits; work based learning; supervised time in studio/workshop.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc.

Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

There will be 3 hours contact time per week comprising a 1 hour lecture and a 2 hour seminar/workshop.

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**MO1** Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key concepts and theoretical approaches to the sociological analysis of political life

**MO2** Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of divergent forms of political thought and action in a comparative and historical context

**MO3** Demonstrate a detailed and critical understanding of the social processes and social interaction underlying the formation of political beliefs, ideologies, actions and affiliations

**MO4** Demonstrate a detailed understanding of social movement formation, action and mobilization and a familiarity with a range of social movement organizations in contemporary society

**MO5** Demonstrate a detailed and critical understanding of the key concepts, debates and paradigms in modern political sociology

**MO6** Demonstrate an advanced ability to apply sociological theories and concepts to a range of contemporary issues in contemporary political sociology including the state, citizenship, identity, social and political movements, violence and terrorism and transnational forms of governance and association

**MO7** The ability to critically evaluate competing interpretations of how globalization is transforming political institutions, political identities and political action

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** The group presentation will take place at the end of term 1 and will provide an opportunity for students to work collaboratively on the exploration of a political ideology or social movement.

This will be followed by a 1000 word report in which students will reflect on the presentation and develop a conceptual framework for understanding and analysing the contemporary relevance of political ideologies and social movements.

There will be a 3000 word essay due at the end of term 2 which will enable students to explore a range of theoretical and conceptual issues concerning how globalization has impacted on political institutions, political identities and forms of social and political protest and mobilization.

### **Assessment tasks:**

#### **Written Assignment (First Sit)**

Description: Essay (3000 words)

Weighting: 52 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

#### **Report (First Sit)**

Description: Individual report on presentation (1000 words)

Weighting: 18 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

**Presentation (First Sit)**

Description: Presentation

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

**Written Assignment (Resit)**

Description: Essay (4000 words)

Weighting: 52 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

**Report (Resit)**

Description: Individual report on presentation (1000 words)

Weighting: 18 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

**Presentation (Resit)**

Description: Presentation

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Psychology with Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2018-19

Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19