



Module Specification

Politics, States and Resistance

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Politics, States and Resistance

Module code: UZQSYE-30-1

Level: Level 4

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: Politics

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: This module provides students with an introduction to politics. It engages in an examination of contemporary theoretical approaches, political concepts, and issues.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: One half of the module provides an introduction to concepts and theories of politics, for instance key concepts such as the state and its institutions, power, and democracy, as well as traditional and non-traditional political ideologies. The other half of the module is devoted to theories and case studies of politics of resistance, for instance popular/populist politics, gender and sexuality, social movements, and the impact of tradition, identity, and religion on politics, including country and case studies to provide in-depth study of political issues of specific countries.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: This module will include workshop sessions dedicated to writing a literature review, including the examination of good and bad examples of literature reviews, as well as various in-class exercises that will enable students to receive formative feedback.

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

MO1 Knowledge of the major theories and approaches to politics

MO2 The ability to locate, evaluate and use relevant literature central to the study of politics

MO3 The ability to construct clear and persuasive arguments pertaining to political issues and communicate those in a variety of formats

MO4 The organisational skills to develop and present arguments in an open book exam setting

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 234 hours

Face-to-face learning = 66 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqsye-30-1.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqsye-30-1.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Students will write a 1500 word literature review on a topic related to the material covered during semester 1. This piece of assessment will embed important skills such as how to conduct a literature search, as well as allowing students to summarise and reflect on the state of academic research on their chosen topic.

Finally, an online open book examination will allow for the students to demonstrate their understanding of the range of the subjects covered in the module. The examination will be designed to complement the subjects considered in the two assignments by allowing students to write more extensively on the material covered, whilst allowing students to access their notes and any relevant books they wish to use. The exam will be online, with a 24 hour window for submission.

The referral assessments mirror the first-run.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Literature review (1500 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Examination (Online) (First Sit)

Description: Open book exam (24 hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Literature review (1500 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Examination (Online) (Resit)

Description: Open book exam (24 hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Politics And International Relations [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Politics And International Relations [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BA
(Hons) 2021-22