



Module Specification

Britain After 'Brexit'

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Britain After 'Brexit'

Module code: UZQY69-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

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 focuses on the changing shape of politics in the UK in the wake of Brexit. It considers the structure of the state and discusses the role and operation of the main institutions, focusing on both political and public policy aspects. It also will consider questions about the unity/fragmentation of the UK in relation to both devolution and Brexit.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See learning outcomes.

Outline syllabus: Students will cover a range of topics as appropriate to the evolving and flexible nature of the subject area. These might include big government and the context of British politics; Britain in the world: the UK, the EU and Brexit; devolution and the nature of the UK; elections and referendums; parliaments; political parties; governments and the Civil Service; organized interests and policy networks; and contemporary policy issues and debates.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: See Assessment Strategy.

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

MO1 Demonstrate a broad understanding of the nature of British politics in the wake of Brexit.

MO2 Show a critical understanding of the nature and operation of one of the main political institutions in 'real world' politics such as parliaments and governments, OR of a policy area such as education, welfare and the environment.

MO3 Show an advanced understanding of the complexity of the 'British' political system in relation to territorial pressures and devolution

MO4 Demonstrate critical analysis about contemporary policy issues and of the approach of key political actors

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 117 hours

Face-to-face learning = 33 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqy69-15-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqy69-15-3.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment is in two parts (i) an essay on a political or policy issue of your own choosing; and (ii) a 1000 word portfolio consisting of two or three short analyses of contemporary political issues from a range of topics provided.

These are designed to allow students to identify and consider in some detail a contemporary political/policy issue in relation to political institutions and forces and to develop and communicate a broader understanding of the nature of politics in the UK after Brexit.

The portfolio is designed to develop and facilitate a broad understanding and analysis of contemporary political processes and situations in the UK. The aim is to facilitate a synoptic approach to politics in which different themes and issues drawn from across the module content can be considered.

The essay on a contemporary political or policy issue invites a more specific and focused approach to understanding the political world, requiring engagement with primary source material produced by political actors and institutions such as parties, governments, and group interests. This will develop a general skill in information collection from official (e.g. government) and other sources, that will be woven with academic sources into a political analysis, for example of devolution or the role of institutions such as parliament and political parties, or of policy areas such as education and health.

Assessment tasks:

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: Portfolio

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3, MO4

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: Portfolio

Weighting: 30 %

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 [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Politics And International Relations [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA
(Hons) 2020-21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA
(Hons) 2019-20

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19