

Module Title Governing The UK Keywords Government: UK; Politics; Constitution	Reference BS1249 SCQF Level SCQF 7 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created April 2003 Approved June 2003 Amended August 2010 Version No. 2
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Prerequisites for Module

None in addition to course entry requirements or equivalent.

Electoral systems used in the UK governmental system;
Political participation in the UK.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Indicative Student Workload

Precluded Modules

None.

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures	24
Seminars	6
Assessment	3

Aims of Module

To provide the student with a broad understanding of the UK political system and its social basis.

<i>Directed Study</i>	
Directed Study	30
<i>Private Study</i>	
Private Study	87

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

Mode of Delivery

This is a lecture based course supplemented with seminars. Lectures provide core course content, supported by seminars.

1. Describe the main features of the UK political system and its social basis.
2. Outline the structure and role of the basic institutions of UK central, devolved and local government.
3. Discuss contemporary political issues.

Indicative Module Content

The roles, structure and powers of the UK government, including the Prime Minister and the cabinet;

The roles, composition and structures of the House of Commons and the House of Lords;

Devolved government, especially the composition and powers of the Scottish parliament and the Scottish government;

The roles, structures and powers of local government in Scotland;

The key institutions in the European Union;

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3

A closed book examination.

Indicative Bibliography

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