

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Governing The UK

Reference	BS1249	Version	5
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	July 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	July 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

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

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

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

Module Delivery

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

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	33	33
Non-Contact Hours	117	117
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Examination Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: A closed book examination.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by one component: C1 - Examination - 100% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	70% or above
B	60% - 69%
C	50% - 59%
D	40% - 49%
E	35% - 39%
F	0% - 34%
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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