MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Governing The UK

Reference	BS1249	Version	6
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	July 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2021	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 instituions 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
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

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

Component 1 comprises 100% of the module grade. To pass the module, a D grade is required

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
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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