

Module Title Understanding Social Change	Reference SS1050 SCQF Level SCQF 7 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created May 2012 Approved May 2012 Amended May 2014 Version No. 2
Keywords Social Change, Western World, Ideology, Enlightenment, War, Civil Rights.	

This Version is No Longer Current

The latest version of this module is available [here](#)

Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to course entry requirements or equivalent.

The obligations of the State to its citizens (The Welfare State).

The regulation of sexuality in the 20th Century.

Corequisite Modules

None.

The context and achievements of the Black Civil Rights and Feminist movements.

Precluded Modules

None.

Indicative Student Workload

Aims of Module

To provide students with an understanding of social change in the modern Western World.

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures	24
Seminars	12

<i>Directed Study</i>	50
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Learning Outcomes for Module

<i>Private Study</i>	64
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On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

1. Understand the main features of social change in relation to key historical epochs.
2. Outline the processes by which social change occurs.

Indicative Module Content

With an underlying focus on mechanisms of social change (e.g. ideological beliefs, the economy, conflict, social movements) the module content addresses:

The impact of the Age of Enlightenment on philosophical beliefs.

The Dual Revolution (French and Industrial) and their effect on the nature of the relationship between the State, its citizens and the economy.

Colonial expansion and its lasting legacy.

Social change in the aftermath of The Great War (e.g. class, gender, zeitgeist).

Classical and contemporary political ideologies with an emphasis on the nature of the State/citizen social contract

Mode of Delivery

This module is based on core lectures and supporting seminars including practical and discussion work.

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2

Component 1 will be assessed by an online portfolio (3 pieces of evidence)

Indicative Bibliography

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