

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: POLITICS 1 (POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS & CONCEPTS)
Status: Definitive
Code: **3003BELLA** (101146)
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Owning School/Faculty: Arts, Professional and Social Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Bellerby's College - Brighton

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Academic Level: FHEQ3 **Credit Value:** 12.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 68.00
Total Learning Hours: 120 **Private Study:** 52

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	66.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Module Examination: involving short answer questions worth 30% and longer, essay answers worth 70%	100.0	2.00

Aims

To provide students with a basic knowledge of the British political system, in particular with political institutions, and an understanding of relevant concepts.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe the structure and nature of British political institutions.
- 2 Explain the relevance of key political concepts to the British context.
- 3 Describe how government works in Britain and, in particular, how laws are made.
- 4 Write well thought out and constructed essay answers on key questions related to British politics.
- 5 Recall major facts relevant to learned material and deploy these effectively under test and/or examination conditions.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

EXAM 1 2 3 4 5

Outline Syllabus

1. *Political Concepts: the British Constitution; the Electoral System.*
2. *The Legislature – House of Commons, House of Lords.*
3. *The Executive – the Prime Minister, the Cabinet.*
4. *The Civil Service.*
5. *The Judiciary.*

Learning Activities

Interactive lessons to small classes, regular formative homework assignments, class tests and terminal module examination.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Roberts, R et al
Publishing Year	1999
Title	British Politics in Focus
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	Causeway Press
ISBN	9781873929933

Notes

An introduction to the nature of the British Political System and its component institutions. Students are able to study the processes of government and write about them in well-structured academic essays.

Summative assessment is realized through the terminal module examination but formative assessment takes place throughout the module through the setting of regular homework assignments and class tests.