

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: POLITICS 2 (POLITICAL PARTIES & PARTICIPATION)
Status: Definitive
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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
Report	AS1	Coursework essays (2 x 1.5 hours each) – sat, with notes, under supervision	20.0	
Exam	AS2	Module Examination	80.0	2.00

Aims

The second module of the politics course focuses on how citizens are able to participate in the political process, through political parties, pressure groups and other, less formalized ways in the wider democratic process. Students will be able to relate the idea of participation to particular examples drawn from the British context.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Display an understanding of the rights and duties of the citizen and the relationship between the individual and the state.
- 2 Explain the ideological bases of the main British political parties.
- 3 Describe the distinctive features and activities of pressure groups.
- 4 Describe the voting system and voting patterns in Britain.
- 5 Write coursework essays using prepared notes on topics relevant to the material studied in this module.
- 6 Recall relevant information and deploy it effectively under test and/or examination conditions.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

report	1	2	4	5	
EXAM	1	2	3	5	6

Outline Syllabus

1. *The ideologies and policies of the three main British political parties.*
2. *The impact of the minor parties.*
3. *The Party System.*
4. *Parties and Foreign Policy.*
5. *Pressure Groups – classification, methods and activities.*
6. *Assessment of the contribution of pressure groups to the UK.*
7. *The democratic process.*

Learning Activities

Interactive lessons to small classes, preparation for and completion of coursework essays, regular homework assignments, class tests and the 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

Notes

Through this module students gain further insights into British political processes by focusing on issues of. Participation. The democratic process is explained, along with voting patterns in the UK, and the involvement of citizens in political parties and pressure groups.