

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: POLITICS  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **3506IFYAP** (107115)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School  
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School

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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: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

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

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Roberts, R et al
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1999
<b>Title</b>	British Politics in Focus
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd edition
<b>Publisher</b>	Causeway Press
<b>ISBN</b>	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.