

Summary Information

Module Code	4501BCIRDL
Formal Module Title	Understanding the theories behind politics
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Peter O'Reilly	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Beaconhouse IC Distance Learning

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	46

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discuss the key themes, concepts and ideas in Western and non-Western political thought in order to have a global view on the relationship between the human, state and society.2. Provide a solid grounding in the key texts in political thought from around the world and from different eras.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Identify and explain the key themes, concepts and ideas in political thought.
MLO2	Discuss how complex and contentious theorising is when attempting to understand the relationship between human, state and society.
MLO3	Understand and assess the importance of key texts produced, and be able to illustrate their strengths and weaknesses relative to other theoretical positions.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus

The course is text based, and it is essential that students become familiar with the key texts of political thought.

Topics covered will typically include:

- What is a theory, and how it can be used
- Human nature and politics
- Law and politics
- The relationship between moral, religious and political ideas
- Concepts of justice, liberty and equality

Module Overview

Theory is an important tool in understanding why and how we act whether it be as an individual or a group. This module encourages us to think about the different ways in which we have attempted to understand the relationship between the human, state and society. All too often our understanding of these theories are driven by Western political thought. Whilst an essential component, this module will also explore non- Western thoughts on this relationship in an attempt to gain a greater understanding of humans and the world in which we live in. A skills specific session will be incorporated in this module.

Additional Information

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Presentation	15 minute presentation	25	0	MLO2, MLO3
Essay	2,500 word essay	75	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3