

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT
Status: Definitive
Code: **5001POLIT** (114670)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 21.50
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 98

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture | 10.000 |
| Seminar | 10.000 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|----------|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| Exam | AS1 | 2 Questions to test substantive knowledge and contemporary awareness of European political systems. | 50.0 | 1.50 |
| Essay | AS2 | Assessment One related to the application of the Europeanization theory to chosen case study countries, excluding the UK. (1,000 words). | 50.0 | |

Aims

To develop and expand students knowledge of contemporary politics in Europe.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify the social basis of politics in European political systems.
- 2 Demonstrate knowledge of the government and politics of contemporary European states.
- 3 Evaluate cross-national similarities and differences in European politics.
- 4 Evaluate the contemporary challenges to politics in the European nation state.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| 1.5 Hour Exam | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Essay | 1 | 2 | 3 | |

Outline Syllabus

Historic basis
Europeanisation and the state
Parties and systems
Elections and voting
Executives and legislatives
Welfare Europe
Race and Religion
Corruption and Crime
A Europe of regions

Learning Activities

Lectures and class discussion.

References

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Sakwa, R. & Stevens, A. |
| Publishing Year | 2006 |
| Title | Contemporary Europe |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Colomer, J. M. |
| Publishing Year | 2002 |
| Title | Political Institutions in Europe |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 2nd |
| Publisher | London: Routledge |
| ISBN | |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Bale, T |
| Publishing Year | 2005 |
| Title | European Politics |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Basingstoke: MacMillan |
| ISBN | |

Notes

This module examines the structures and processes of contemporary politics in Europe. Using country case studies, it evaluates cross-national similarities and differences in politics and also examines the contemporary challenges, both internal and external to the European nation state. Of significance is a critical awareness of the concept of Europeanisation as a phenomenon of country politics in Europe. It also examines the tensions that exist between the national integrity of European states and their search for economic, political and societal security through co-operation and integration.