

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Power and Government in the Modern State
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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 24 **Total Delivered Hours:** 25
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 215

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20
Tutorial	5

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	3,000 word essay	50	
Essay	AS2	3,000 word essay	50	

Aims

To develop students understanding of the exercise of power within the modern state and the limitations which are placed upon this power

To introduce students to topical debates over constitutional reform

To develop students understanding of constitutional models employed in other

jurisdictions

To enable students to appreciate the tensions which exist between different layers of government within the UK

To develop students understanding of the use of a range of techniques for resolving disputes involving the state

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Assess the merits of a range of constitutional reform proposals
- 2 understand the impact of political processes upon constitutional reform
- 3 critically assess and compare the merits of different constitutional models
- 4 critically evaluate the relationship between different tiers of government within the UK
- 5 critically assess different mechanisms for resolving difficulties involving the state
- 6 undertake independent research using a range of library and IT resources

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

3,000 word essay	1	2	3	6
3,000 word essay	3	4	5	6

Outline Syllabus

The Royal Prerogative

House of Lords Reform

Electoral Reform

Comparative Constitutional Law: France, Germany, USA

Local Government

Devolution

Selected Issues in Judicial Review

Public Inquiries

Learning Activities

10 lectures

5 tutorials

Notes

This module builds upon the core Public Law module and develops students interests in a number of topical subjects.

