

## Module Information

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### Summary Information

Module Code	7105MHIST
Formal Module Title	Post-war France: Modernity and Crisis, 1944-1981.
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	30
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

### Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

### Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Seminar	33

### Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

### Aims and Outcomes

Aims	Familiarise students with key themes and concepts in this period of historical study Develop analytical skills to a high-level Enhance research skills to a high-level
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**After completing the module the student should be able to:**

### Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Develop high level knowledge and understanding of the key political and social aspects of this period in modern French history
MLO2	2	Critically analyse the historiography of the period
MLO3	3	Evaluate historical debates on a range of topics in this period of modern French history

## Module Content

Outline Syllabus	<p>With the ending of the Second World War, France was liberated from the immediate traumas of defeat and occupation. But with victory in 1945, the country was confronted with a new set of challenges. With much of its national infrastructure in ruins, many towns and cities ravaged, and an economy suffering from years of exploitation by the Germans, the task of reconstruction was immense. The physical damage of war was not all, however. After more than four years of occupation, and the social tensions and divisions wrought by this experience, it was not just the economy but equally the political body, indeed the nation as a whole, which required renewal. In the years immediately following the liberation, French political elites grappled with the challenges of reconstructing France. Looking back from the perspective of the 1980s, French commentators and academics heralded the success of these efforts. Noting how the liberation had inaugurated a new era of unprecedented economic growth and consumer wealth, undergirded by a robust welfare state, which lasted until the global economic crisis which followed in the wake of the 'oil shock' of the mid-1970s, historians adopted the label of the 'thirty glorious years' to refer to this period in post-war French history. These years witnessed profound transformations in French politics and society which many experienced as a liberating force, yet they also led to growing levels of social marginalisation, poverty and alienation. What is more, through these years of ever-growing prosperity for many of its citizens, France fought and lost two brutal colonial wars in Indochina and Algeria, marking the end of the country's status as a major colonial empire.</p>
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module engages students with the key themes and debates which marked this tumultuous period in modern French history, stretching roughly from the end of the Second World War through to the election of François Mitterrand as President in 1981.

## Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Source Analysis	40	0	MLO1, MLO2
Essay	Essay	60	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3

## Module Contacts

### Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Thomas Beaumont	Yes	N/A

### Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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