1. **Title of the module**

FOUN0031 (LZ031) Introduction to Politics for University

1. **School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

Centre for English and World Languages

1. **The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 3

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

15 credits (7.5 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

**Autumn Start:** Spring Term

**Spring Start:** Summer Term

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

Co-requisite modules include: FOUN0036 Academic Skills Development (15 credits) and either FOUN0035 Foundation Project (15 credits) OR FOUN0037 English for Academic Study (15 credits)

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

International Foundation Programme and JYA English Plus

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.**  
   **On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
   1. identify some of the main debates and issues in political studies.
   2. understand a range of approaches to forming and classifying political systems
   3. recognise some of the major classic and contemporary political ideologies.
   4. identify some of the key aspects of the machinery of government, including the legislature, executive and judiciary.
2. **The intended generic learning outcomes.**  
   **On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
   1. benefit from their enhanced academic reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
   2. apply their critical awareness, critical-thinking and analytical skills more effectively.
   3. enhance their written communication skills.
   4. appreciate some of the norms, strictures and demands of subject specific seminars and lectures in a UK education context.
   5. demonstrate an enhanced understanding of the importance of independent study within a UK higher education context.
3. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

Through this module, students will be given a broad introduction to the study of politics with particular emphasis on key debates within the discipline as well as contemporary events. Students will be introduced to the contested nature of politics before moving on to consider how political systems are formed, what major ideas are that drive them as well as the question of how we compare political systems. This will deepen into an examination of political ideologies as well as the role of the state and the nation.

1. **Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

Bayliss, J., Smith, S. & Owens, P. (Eds.) (2017) The Globalization of World Politics. (7th Edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Boucher, D. and Kelly, P. (Eds.) (2017) Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present. (3rd Edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press

Heywood, A. (2019) Politics. (5th Edition). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Heywood, A. (2015) Key Concepts in Politics and International Relations. (2nd Edition). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Hill, C. and Smith, M. (2017) International Relations and the European Union. (New European Union). (3rd Edition) Oxford: Oxford University Press

1. **Learning and teaching methods**

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| Total contact hours: | 44 |
| Private study hours: | 106 |
| Total Study hours: | 150 |

1. **Assessment methods**

Main assessment methods

Essay (1200 words) (30%)

Annotated bibliography (min. 10 references) (10%)

In-course Test (10%)

Exam (2 hours) (50%)

JYA English Plus alternative assessment in lieu of exam

Written Assignment (1500 words) (50%)

* 1. Reassessment methods

Reassessment Instrument: 100% coursework (JYA English Plus 100% coursework)

1. ***Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section12) and methods of assessment (section 13)***

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| **Module learning outcome** | *8.1* | *8.2* | *8.3* | *8.4* | *9.1* | *9.2* | *9.3* | *9.4* | *9.5* |
| **Learning/ teaching method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lectures | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Seminars | X | X | X | X | X | X |  | X | X |
| Workshops | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Private Study | X | X |  | X | X |  | X |  | X |
| **Assessment method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Essay | X | X | X |  | X | X | X |  | X |
| Annotated Bibliography | X | X | X | X | X |  | X |  | X |
| Exam | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| In-course Test | X |  | X |  | X | X | X |  |  |
| JYA Written Assignment | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

1. **Inclusive module design**

The Centre recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered**

Canterbury

1. **Internationalisation**

This module has a strong international focus interpreting politics and through examination of key debates and relevant events such as Brexit and the US elections. Students will learn about how governments function and make decisions and identify ways in which these are affected by globalisation. Students will also be able to consider ethical debates arising from different types of government and relate these to their own experiences and those of their peers. International relations will also be examined through the key approaches of realism, socialism and liberalism as well as decolonisation and development.

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**Revision record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

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| Date approved | Major/minor revision | Start date of the delivery of revised version | Section revised | Impacts PLOs (Q6&7 cover sheet) |
| 08/09/17 | Major | September 2017 | 1, 8-14 | No |
| 12/02/19 | Major | September 2019 | 1,5,6, 7, 8, 13, 14 |  |

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