## KentVision Code and title of the module

POLI6110 Politics of the European Union

## Division and School/Department or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Division of Human and Social Sciences; School of Politics and International Relations

## The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)

Level 5

## The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents

15 (7.5 ECTS)

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

Autumn or Spring

## Prerequisite and co-requisite modules and/or any module restrictions

None

## The course(s) of study to which the module contributes

***Compulsory to the following courses:***

* BA in Environmental Social Sciences/Environment and Sustainability

***Optional to the following courses:***

* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations
* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations (Bidiplôme)
* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations with a Placement Year
* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations with a Foundation Year
* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations with a Year in Continental Europe or North America
* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations with a Language
* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations with a Year in Asia-Pacific
* BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations with Quantitative Research
* BA (Hons) Economics and Politics
* BA (Hons) History and Politics
* BA (Hons) Philosophy and Politics
* BA (Hons) Sociology and Politics
* LLB (Hons) Law and Politics

Also available as an elective module

## The intended subject specific learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 Be familiar with and understand the main constitutional and governmental structures of today’s European Union

8.2 Analyse and critically assess the origins and effects of these structures, by using the conceptual and theoretical tools of comparative politics, international relations and relevant sources

8.3 Appreciate and explain the changing nature of the political process in the European Union and the role played by political parties, interest groups, social movements and public opinion

8.4 Assess the role and influence of states on the political process of the EU

8.5 Interpret and critically evaluate the main issues in the contemporary political debate in the EU.

## The intended generic learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

9.1 Gather, organise and deploy evidence, data and information from a variety of secondary and some primary sources

9.2 Identify, investigate, analyse, formulate and advocate solutions to problems

9.3 Construct reasoned arguments, synthesis relevant information and exercise critical judgment

9.4 Communicate effectively and fluently in English, particularly forms suitable for academic study

9.5 Reflect on, and manage their own learning and seek to make use of constructive feedback from peers and staff to enhance their performance and personal skills.

## A synopsis of the curriculum

This module addresses a key question in the study of European politics and international organisations: why did a diverse group of states embark on a process that has led to the world’s most extensive example of international integration?In this module you will learn and understand how the European Union has reached where it is today, how its political system works, how it makes policy, its strengths and weaknesses and how it has driven both the politics and economics of its member states and the global system at a time of both continuity and change. There has certainly never been a more challenging or interesting time to learn about the EU and its politics.

1. Reading list

The University is committed to ensuring that core reading materials are in accessible electronic format in line with the Kent Inclusive Practices.

The most up to date reading list for each module can be found on the university's [reading list pages](https://kent.rl.talis.com/index.html).

## Contact Hours

Private Study: 128

Contact Hours: 22

Total: 150

## Assessment methods

* 1. Main assessment methods

Written Assignment (2,500 words) – 50%

Exam – 50%

13.2 Reassessment methods

Like-for-Like

## Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section 12) and methods of assessment (section 13)

**Module learning outcomes against learning and teaching methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 |
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| Private Study | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Lectures | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Seminars | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

**Module learning outcomes against assessment methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 |
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| Written Assignment | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Examination | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

## Inclusive module design

The Division 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

## Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered

Canterbury

## Internationalisation

Examples of international contexts and organisations will be used where applicable to illustrate the subject content. Students will have the opportunity to develop the ability to think globally and have an understanding of international cultures through working with team members and students within their cohort, from diverse range of backgrounds.

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

| **Date approved** | **New/Major/Minor revision** | **Start date of delivery of (revised) version** | **Section revised (if applicable)** | **Impacts PLOs (Q6 & 7 cover sheet)** |
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