### AC300 - Financial Accounting I

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**Contact Hours**

3 hours per week (2 hours lectures and 1 hour seminar).

**Restrictions**

- May not be taken with CB675 Financial Accounting, Reporting and Analysis
- Not available as a 'wild' module

**Method of Assessment**

70% 3-hour written examination; 30% coursework (minimum of 3 equally weighted pieces of coursework; one 1,000 word essay; one progress test; one computer-based learning package)

**Synopsis**

This is the foundation module for the Accounting programme.

This module introduces you to the principles and practices of financial accounting, the discipline within accountancy which is concerned primarily with recording financial events and preparing and interpreting financial reports for parties outside the organisation. A computer-based learning package is used to support the teaching of double entry book-keeping. Lecture topics will include the following: Role and devolution of accounting; Single entry accounting; Double entry book-keeping; Financial reporting conventions; Recording transactions; Adjusting entries; The principal financial statements; Institutional requirements; Introduction to auditing; Monetary Items; Purchases and Sales; Inventory; Fixed Assets; Liabilities; Sole traders and clubs; partnerships; Companies; Capital structure of enterprises; Funds and cash flow; Interpretation of financial statements; Measurement problems in traditional accounting.

**Learning Outcomes**

Knowledge and understanding of the concepts and practices underpinning financial reporting

Ability to summarise economic events through double entry book-keeping

Ability to manipulate financial data

Ability to prepare financial statements

Ability to analyse the financial performance of a business

Ability to critically evaluate arguments

Ability to undertake independent learning and use communications and information technology

**Preliminary Reading**

Thomas and Ward: Introduction to Financial Accounting (latest)

Benedict & Elliot: Financial Accounting: An Introduction (latest)

Britton & Waterston: Financial Accounting (latest)

### CB302 - Managers and Organisations

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**Contact Hours**

11 lectures, 10 seminars

**Restrictions**

CANNOT BE TAKEN WITH CB312

**Synopsis**

The purpose of this module is to enable students to understand how organisations and managers operate. Its particular focus is on the interaction between theory and the real-world practice of management. It will cover the development of theories management, decision-making, leadership, motivation, delegation, business ethics and corporate culture. Students will also develop the ability to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of various organisational theories and to apply these theories to practical issues associated with management.

**Learning Outcomes**

Understand the key concepts and theories of organisational behaviour and management, including their historical development

Understand the key elements and operation of organisations and the process of management

Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of various organisational theories

Apply these theories to practical issues associated with the management of people and organisations

Discuss ideas relating to management and organisational behaviour, both orally and in writing.

**Preliminary Reading**

Contact Hours
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

Restrictions
Available only to students taking Kent Business School related degrees

Synopsis
The aim of this module is to equip students with the key business skills needed for the academic study of business and business related subjects. It will provide students with the necessary skills for the successful study of business at Stages 2 and 3. The module is designed to integrate academic study skills pertinent to business with more practical interpersonal and work-related skills. It will include techniques for effective learning, research and communication as well as critical thinking, presentations and conceptual frameworks. Students will be required to write an individual essay, take part in a group presentation and research a business report using an analytical framework.

Learning Outcomes
Demonstrate effective written skills at Level C as required to complete written assignments and business reports
Develop oral communication skills to participate effectively in lecturers’ seminars and to take part in business discussions where appropriate
Develop effective presentation skills including the short ‘elevator pitch’
Develop a reflective approach to learning and critical thinking skills essential for success in business
Demonstrate effective research skills, to synthesise information and to support written work by following the required academic conventions
Demonstrate a clear understanding of the case study methodology

Preliminary Reading
CB312  Introduction to Management

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Contact Hours
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

Restrictions
This module is available only to students taking single and joint honours Business Administration or Employment Relations & Human Resource Management and International Business degrees. Students taking Accounting & Finance and Business Administration (joint honours) will take CB302.

CANNOT BE TAKEN WITH CB302 - NOT AVAILABLE AS A WILD MODULE

Synopsis
This module introduces students to theories of management, beginning with classical management systems through to contemporary management concepts. It will illustrate the continuities and transformations in management thinking and practice throughout the 20th and 21st century. Lecture topics will include the following: Scientific Management; Human Relations School; Bureaucracy; Post Bureaucratic Organizations; Contingency Approach; Culture Management; Leadership; Decision-making and Managing Ethically.

Learning Outcomes
Understand key theories of management
Understand the development of management thinking and the continuities and changes embedded in this
Understand the interplay between management and organizational forms
Understand the connection between management practices and the business environment

Preliminary Reading

CB313  Introduction to Statistics for Business

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Contact Hours
1 hour lecture and 1 hour computer workshop per week

Restrictions
Available only to students taking business related degrees

Synopsis
The aim of this module is to equip students with the appropriate statistical skills needed for the academic study of business and business related subjects. It will provide students with the necessary skills for the successful study of business at Stages 2 and 3 whilst building a solid foundation for those students intending to embark on an industrial work placement. Lecture topics include: The nature and use of numerical information; Summarising data; Graphical representation of data; Measures of location and dispersion; Probability, distributions and expected values; Sampling and its uses; Questionnaire analysis and contingency tables; Correlation.

Learning Outcomes
Demonstrate an ability to use graphical, numerical and algebraic techniques to handle a variety of business and accounting problems
Demonstrate an ability to summarise and analyse data and present it effectively to others
Demonstrate an ability to use appropriate software, including spreadsheets
Demonstrate an ability to understand the scope and limitations of quantitative methods such as sampling and regression

Preliminary Reading

Contact Hours
3 hours per week (2 hours lectures 1 hour seminar)

Restrictions
May not be taken with any of the following: CO357 CB586 EC305 EC306 EC309 SP300 MA304

Method of Assessment
30% coursework consisting of three compulsory components of 10% each. The first component relates to the computing topics of the syllabus. The second and third components relate to the mathematics and quantitative techniques topics of the syllabus. Each component consists of a written unseen test of one hour duration delivered using a virtual learning environment (Moodle). 70% three hour written examination.

Synopsis
The module has been designed primarily for accounting and finance students. It provides an understanding of computing, mathematics, statistics and modelling techniques needed to prepare students for stage II and III modules in finance and in management accounting. The objectives are that students should understand the fundamentals of computing and be able to select and apply with understanding appropriate mathematical and statistical methods to process problems particularly in finance and in management accounting and to use spreadsheets and other software effectively.

Learning Outcomes
Develop understanding and competencies in numeracy for, and be able to select and apply, a range of quantitative techniques and models to a variety of management and accounting problems in order to have a basis on which relevant aspects of numeracy and related IT skills can be used in other programme modules.

Appreciate how IT may be used in handling quantitative management tasks and develop the necessary technical skills to analyse a range of problems using computer tools. Understand the representation of a range of management and accounting problems in a mathematical or structured form, i.e., quantitative models.

Be able to communicate the results of quantitative analyses to non-specialists, recognising the limitations of the model and showing an awareness of the economic and social context.

Preliminary Reading
Louise Swift, Quantitative Methods for Business, Management and Finance, Palgrave Macmillan (2001)

Donald Waters, Quantitative Methods for Business (3rd ed.), FT Prentice Hall (2001)


**CB343 Global Business Environment**

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**Contact Hours**
1-hour lecture and 1-hour seminar per week

**Restrictions**
Restricted to students reading: Accounting & Finance and Management Science; Business Administration; Employment Relations and Human Resource Management

**Synopsis**
The principle aim of this module is to introduce students to the fundamental concepts and problems of the international business environment. The module will engage students with various business tools and frameworks offering a multidisciplinary approach to explore the interaction between organizations, nation states and international organizations; in a triangle that continuously evolves and through its evolution, shapes the international environment. The module will be of use to business students through all stages of their degree. Considering its philosophy as a Stage 1 module, it will integrate parts of the whole programme and act as a guide for the next stages of studies.

**Learning Outcomes**
- understand the complexity and diversity associated with doing business internationally
- develop a sound knowledge of the global business environment by analysing specific real world examples
- establish specific links between their studies and the changing business world
- understand the key definitions of business terminology and idioms appropriate for a Business programme
- link business problems with their everyday life
- understand where they can apply their knowledge from their degree
- study the organisations, their management, and the changing global environment
- be prepared for developing a career in business and management

**Preliminary Reading**

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**CB675 Financial Accounting, Reporting and Analysis**

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**Contact Hours**
2 x 1 hour lecture and 1 x 1 hour seminar per week

**Restrictions**
May not be taken with AC300 Financial Accounting 1. Students who have taken or are taking CB540 may not take CB675 Financial Accounting, Reporting and Analysis.

**Synopsis**
The aim of this module is to provide the student with an understanding of the relationship between business and accounting; the principles underlying a double-entry accounting system; how to prepare primary financial statements from trial balance; the regulatory framework of financial reporting; the annual report and accounts of plc’s; the analysis and interpretation of financial statements.

**Learning Outcomes**
Understand the principles underlying a financial accounting system and the principles upon which financial statements are based.
Be aware of the various influences on the financial reporting process and understand how they impact on the annual report and account of UK listed companies, in particular.
Be aware of the link between financial accounting systems and business activities for a variety of organisations
Be aware of the various stake-holders in the financial reporting process
Be able to produce financial statements from trial balance for sole traders and limited companies incorporating post trial balance adjustments.

**Preliminary Reading**
Contact Hours
11 x 1 hr lectures and 11 x 1 hr seminars

Method of Assessment
70% Examination, 30% Coursework (group project)

Synopsis
This module will demonstrate the importance of marketing in competitive and dynamic environments. The centrality of the consumer provides the focus for the module, with the needs of the firm shown in balance with consumers' needs and wants. The mechanisms used by firms in their marketing are also covered. Key topics covered are: the marketing concept, the marketing environment, market segmentation and targeting, brand development and management, management of the marketing mix, new product development and an overview of internationalisation.

Learning Outcomes
Students will be able to:
- explain and illustrate the principles and concepts of marketing;
- understand the relationship between the internal and external environments in the formulation of marketing practice;
- apply the principles and concepts of marketing to specific markets and industries;
- use data to provide 'solutions' to basic marketing problems.

Preliminary Reading
Contact Hours
One-week field course: Easter Vacation.

Pre-requisites
DI305 or DI308

Availability
THIS MODULE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO BE TAKEN AS A 'WILD' MODULE

Synopsis
The broad aim of this module is to provide students with practical field experience in wildlife conservation monitoring and assessment methods. Specific aims are to introduce students to a range of basic field techniques and develop their skills in the collection, analysis and presentation of field data. The module provides an essential practical element of the Biodiversity Conservation and Management programme. The module is offered as an intensive one-week residential field course during the Easter Vacation. Groups of students will undertake five-day surveys and monitoring projects under the supervision of members of staff. Each project will assess the biodiversity of an appropriate taxonomic group (such as invertebrates, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and plants) in either a terrestrial or freshwater habitat. Students will be expected to arrive at an appropriate design for data collection in discussion with their supervisor, carry out the survey, analyse the data and present a short seminar on their results at the end of the week.

Learning Outcomes
Skills to design and execute ecological surveys.

Preliminary Reading
Henderson, P.A. “Practical Methods in Ecology”
Krebs, C. “Ecological Methodology”
Sutherland, W.J. “Ecological Census Techniques: A Handbook”

Contact Hours
12 lectures and 12 seminars.

Synopsis
This module aims to explore various definitions and applications of the term ‘biodiversity’ and to provide students with a basic knowledge of animal and plant diversity, classification and biogeography. The module also assesses the importance of biodiversity in scientific, social and cultural terms and examines the necessity for conserving biodiversity and basic toolkits essential to its management.

Learning Outcomes
On completion of the module, students will have an understanding of the meaning and applicability of the term ‘biodiversity’. They will have an appreciation of the wealth of animal and plant species on Earth and of some reasons for their evolutionary success and decline.

Preliminary Reading
Wilson, E.O. “The Diversity of Life” (2nd ed.), Penguin, 2001
Contact Hours
Lectures, field trips and labs.

Synopsis
The aim of this module is to introduce and link theoretical and practical aspects of wildlife conservation and management including: threats, extinction risk and conservation actions demographic and genetic management of small populations over exploitation and sustainable use methods for conducting animal and plant surveys methods for establishing conservation priorities

Learning Outcomes
The importance of an interdisciplinary approach to wildlife conservation.
How to work in groups.
Scientific report writing.
Practical fieldwork in wildlife censuses.
Scientific data collection.
Statistical data analysis.
Qualitative data analysis of management and conservation issues.

Preliminary Reading
Ricklefs, R.E.  "Ecology" (3rd ed.)
Smith, R.L. & Smith, T.M.  "Elements of Ecology" (4th ed.)
Wilson, E.O.  "The Diversity of Life"

Contact Hours
12 lectures 12 seminars
24 x 1 hour sessions

Synopsis
The module will begin with the question of what defines a plant and how they are related to the other kingdoms. This will then lead on to a journey from the plant cell to vegetation communities and how they interact with, and are important to other groups of organisms. The module will then finish with a discussion surrounding the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (from the Convention on Biological Diversity) and the targets within this document.

Learning Outcomes
Students who successfully complete this module will:

12.1 Have a sound understanding of basic plant biodiversity and conservation
A3. SB: Practical understanding of wildlife conservation.
B1. General learning and study skills.
B3. Ability to express ideas in writing and orally.
C1. SB: Field biology skills (surveys, sampling, etc.)

12.2 Gain skills in interpreting plant structures
B2. Critical and analytical skills.
B7. Ability to make a structured and logical argument.
C1. SB: Field biology skills (surveys, sampling, etc.)
C6. SB: Skills to evaluate sustainability of wildlife use

12.3 Understand how a knowledge of plant biology (e.g. anatomy) impacts on conservation practice.
A2. Species conservation and how it relates to wildlife conservation.
A3. SB: Practical understanding of wildlife conservation.
A4. SB: Principles of sustainable use and wildlife management.
B1. General learning and study skills.
B2. Critical and analytical skills.
B3. Ability to express ideas in writing and orally.
B7. Ability to make a structured and logical argument.
C1. SB: Field biology skills (surveys, sampling, etc.)
C6. SB: Skills to evaluate sustainability of wildlife use
**SE301 Social Anthropology**

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**Contact Hours**
36 lectures and 12 seminars

**Synopsis**
Social Anthropology is a discipline which has traditionally specialised in the study of non-Western, pre-industrial societies. With increasing frequency, however, social and cultural anthropologists have turned towards the study of 'home', using insights gained from studying other cultures to illuminate aspects of their own society. This course draws on both these areas of social anthropology, looking at people from places as different as the rainforests of West Africa and the industrial heartlands of Britain and America, and introduces students to social anthropology through a selection of topics which have been chosen to illustrate the kind of issues that social anthropologists study and the kinds of arguments and theories they have developed. Module Topics include: CULTURE, SYMBOLISM AND CLASSIFICATION (including language, myth, taboo). THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF INTIMATE LIFE (including marriage, divorce and exchange). RELIGION, RITUAL AND BELIEF (including initiation, and witchcraft). POWER, POLITICS AND IDENTITY (including ethnicity, nationalism, multiculturalism, globalisation).

**Learning Outcomes**
A degree of familiarity with some of the anthropological topics and issues relating to writings on: culture, society, classification, kinship and marriage, exchange, religion and ritual, political relations and identities.
A knowledge and understanding of the breadth of cultural diversity drawn from their reading about different societies and cultures.
An ability to discuss the similarity and difference between the student's own society and those encountered in ethnographic writings.
An ability to analyse and communicate their understanding of anthropological texts in written and spoken contexts.
An ability to construct coherent and logical arguments, particularly in written form, which combine general theoretical writings with the discussion of ethnographic data.

**Preliminary Reading**
Hendry, J. "An Introduction to Social Anthropology. Other People’s Worlds."

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**SE302 Foundations of Human Culture**

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**Contact Hours**
33 lectures; 11 seminars; 1 fieldtrip

**Synopsis**
This module is an introduction Biological Anthropology and human prehistory. It provides an exciting introduction to humans as the product of evolutionary processes. We will explore primates and primate behaviour, human growth and development, elementary genetics, the evolution of our species, origins of agriculture and cities, perceptions of race, and current research into human reproduction and sexuality. This module is required for all BSc in Anthropology and BA in Social Anthropology students. The module is also suitable for students in other disciplines who want to understand human evolution, and the history and biology of our species. A background in science is not assumed or required, neither are there any preferred A-levels or other qualifications.

**Learning Outcomes**
Understood the basic principles of evolution.
Developed a good understanding of human prehistory and biology.
Reviewed evidence from palaeoanthropology, evolutionary biology, comparative primatology, and archaeology that leads to this understanding.
Discussed what it means to be human.
An understanding of the origins of human culture, art, and society.
An appreciation of humans as biological entities.

**Preliminary Reading**
Scarre, "The Human Past", Thames & Hudson, 2005
Contact Hours
12 lectures and 12 laboratory/seminars

Synopsis
This module introduces students to a wide-ranging view of the relationship of people, animals and plants. In respect of the BSc programmes in Biodiversity Conservation and Management and Wildlife Conservation, the module will provide social, political and cultural perspectives that will complement the other areas of study within that degree. In respect of the BA in Social Anthropology, it will introduce students to some of the technical aspects of ethnobiology. The module emphasises the importance of culture in mediating the use of plants and animals among humans, and explores the role of wild and domestic plants and animals in human evolution, including the way human societies have manipulated and altered the landscape. The application of ethnobiology to contemporary problems in conservation, development and human rights is also explored.

Learning Outcomes
The wide-ranging relationship between humans and animals.
How animals have affected human history and have contributed to the structure of contemporary societies around the world.
Aspects of utilitarian, welfare and rights-based perspectives, among others, that affect contemporary relationships with animals.
Mythological and religious perspectives of animals.
The legal status of animals: concepts of ownership, the differentiation between wild, ‘game’ and domesticated species and the regulation of animal welfare.
The politics of the relationship between humans and animals and the dynamics of animal protection.
The basic theories of how plants are named, identified and classified by different peoples, including botanical scientists.
Cross-cultural variation in the use of plants, both as symbols (in art and ritual) and as materials (in food, medicine, construction and handicrafts, among other things).
The linkages between plant diversity and human cultural diversity in time and space, including the origins of domestication and agriculture.
Anthropological theories of local plant knowledge, its generation, transmission, alteration and loss.
How to collect an ethnobotanical voucher specimen and prepare a collection record and label.

Preliminary Reading

Contact Hours
12 x 2 hour lectures

Synopsis
The module introduces students to the major figures who have shaped the discipline of Anthropology (both socio-cultural and biological) and take them through the historical development of the discipline. Major thinkers such as Marx, Weber and Durkheim on the one hand, and Linnaeus, Lamarck, Darwin and Mendel on the other, are introduced, and their influence on and contribution to the discipline traced. The module will provide an historical outline of major schools of thought within Anthropology - evolution, diffusionism, functionalism, structuralism, postmodernism, socio-biology, evolutionary psychology - in both Britain and the USA, and examine the relationship between socio-cultural anthropology and biological anthropology from an historical perspective.

Learning Outcomes
A broad knowledge of the major thinkers who have influenced the development of Anthropology.
A broad knowledge of the major schools of thought within Anthropology.
An understanding of the historical development of, and changes within, Anthropology.
An understanding of the historical relationship between sociocultural and biological anthropology.

Preliminary Reading
Moore, J.D., "Visions of Culture: An Introduction to Anthropological Theories and Theorists", Walnut Creek: Altamira Press, 1996
Contact Hours
24 hours

Availability
THIS MODULE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO BE TAKEN AS A 'WILD' MODULE

Synopsis
This module is designed to introduce students to the range of basic practical and technical skills required across the School's BA and BSc programmes. The following areas will be covered:
- Literary skills - different types of academic writing, and when and how to use them.
- Reading skills - how to read an academic paper, how to precis an argument, how to make notes on a book chapter.
- Bibliographical skills - how to construct a bibliography and the use of the library, online databases and full-text journals.
- Correct referencing and the use of Endnote/Refworks.
- Data collection and handling - the use of spreadsheets for simple statistics and graphs.
- Planning projects and fieldwork.
- The use of appropriate specialist software.
- Photography and video skills.

Learning Outcomes
Acquisition of skills necessary for successful completion of the School's BA and BSc programmes.

Preliminary Reading
Ashman & Creme, "How to Write Essays", Blackwell, 2005
Ashman & Creme, "Reading for Study", Blackwell, 1990
Ashman & Creme, "Taking Notes from Lectures", Blackwell, 2005
Fisher & Harrison, "Citing References", Blackwell, 2005

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Contact Hours
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Pre-requisites
None

Method of Assessment
Assessment is by 100% coursework. The coursework component comprises an essay based on a research project (60%), an oral presentation (10%) and a timed class test requiring short answers and factual knowledge (30%). The oral presentation will be a group presentation of 20 minutes that will be carried out during the seminars. For the research project (2,500-3,000 words) students will focus on one particular case study (e.g. one case of conflict or war in the 20th century), which they use to discuss major theoretical debates in relation to violence and conflict. The class test will test the range of students’ knowledge of substantive issues and theoretical approaches to the subject. The class test, the oral presentation and the essay together are designed to cater to the different learning strengths of students as well as ensuring their mastery of the module’s objectives.

Synopsis
The aim of this module is to introduce students to the relevance of anthropological debates to current issues, specifically in relation to one of the most pertinent and persistent phenomena of the 20th century: violent conflict and war. Students will gain a first insight into one of anthropology’s main contributions: the way that small-scale issues can be related to much broader and perhaps universal questions about human nature, violence, poverty and inequality. Even though this module will focus on anthropological approaches to violence and conflict, it will also draw on discussions from other disciplines (such as philosophy and political theory), especially in relation to topics covered during the first weeks of term, such as human nature, war and genocide, legitimacy and the state. Other relevant topics that will be covered later in this course include memory, gender, subjectivity, structural violence, reconstruction and reconciliation, as well as anthropological approaches to peace, emotions and human suffering. In addition, by discussing the ethics of doing research in conflict situations, this course will allow students to critically engage with the challenges, dilemmas and limitations of anthropological research methods. The topics covered will be dealt with both thematically and historically, providing an account of their current relevance in anthropology and beyond. The module will be designed in a way that it encourages students to engage with current affairs and to get first insights into how anthropology can contribute to our understanding of political, social and historical events.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students should:
Be conversant with the major theoretical positions taken in contemporary Social Anthropology.
Be able to discuss critically the evidence supporting competing anthropological theories.
Be able to connect the way anthropological debates relate to current affairs, including political, social and economic developments and historical events.
Be able to describe some of the historical development of anthropological ideas in the 20th century.

Have cultivated an in-depth understanding of the recognised topic in anthropology of violence and conflict and the related fields of power and politics, the nation-state, anthropological approaches to memory and emotions, gender, war and ethics.
Be able to construct coherent and logical arguments, particularly in written form, which combine general theoretical writings with discussion of ethnographic data.
Be able to plan a small research project that connects anthropological debates to broader social issues and current events.
Be able to present their findings in an oral presentation and work with other students in order to develop their ideas.

Preliminary Reading
EC302  Economics Mode B

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Contact Hours
47 lectures and 20 seminars

Restrictions
EC304, EC313 and MA309 cannot be taken with this module. This module is not open to students taking single honours or joint honours programmes in Economics.

Synopsis
This module has been designed for students who have not studied economics before or who have not previously completed a comprehensive introductory course in economics. Each economics topic is introduced assuming no previous knowledge of the subject. The lectures and related seminar programme explain the economic principles underlying the analysis of each topic and relate the concepts to the real world. In particular, many examples are taken from the real world to show how economic analysis and models can be used to understand the different parts of the economy and how policy has been used to intervene in the working of the economy.

This module aims to introduce you to the basic principles of Economics, to the main ways in which economists think about problems and to the important current economic issues in the United Kingdom, the European Union and the world economy. The module is self-contained, so that if you do not study Economics further, you should have a basic understanding of economic methods and debates. It is also suitable as a basis for further modules that you may take in economics, either as part of an Economics degree or as part of another degree programme or as part of a future professional qualification.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module, you will
be able to follow analysis of economic problems, construct your own economic arguments and offer critical comments on the arguments of others
be able to present economics arguments and ideas in seminars
be able to write economics essays and answers to short economics questions
be able to work in a group on economics seminar problems

have been introduced to the following economics topics: supply and demand; allocation of resources; trade; exchange; organisation of markets; consumer, producer and government decision making; distribution of income; poverty; market failure; the environment; government policy; national income; unemployment; inflation; economic growth; macroeconomic models; government spending and taxation (fiscal policy); money; interest rates monetary policy); macroeconomic control of the economy (stabilisation using fiscal and monetary policy); the financial crisis; and balance of payments and exchange rates.

Preliminary Reading
Richard Lipsey and Alex Chrystal, Economics, Oxford University Press, 12th ed, 2011
‘The Economic Review’, Philip Allan, quarterly periodical
Contact Hours
44 lectures and 21 seminars

Restrictions
Only open to students taking single honours or joint honours programmes in Economics. EC302, EC313 and MA309 cannot be taken with this module

Synopsis
Economics looks at the material aspects of people’s lives. It is about how people make choices about what and how to produce and consume. It is about how the difference in economic outcomes between firms, people and countries can be related to the effects of choices they and others have made. It builds on the very simple and plausible assumption that people want to get the most they can, given the constraints they face. The study of economics entails both gaining an understanding of the economies in which we all live, and developing skills to think logically about economic situations. The emphasis in this module is on how economics can help us to understand the society we live in.

The module aims to provide a thorough understanding of economics at an introductory level and provides the basis for all subsequent study you may undertake in economics. The first term covers the principles of microeconomics and the second term develops a framework for understanding macroeconomic events and macroeconomic policy. Throughout the module and in the seminars in particular, we demonstrate the usefulness of economics as an analytical tool for thinking about real world problems. It will not be enough to show that you understand the basic concepts, you have to be able to use them to analyse different situations and to be able to develop your own economic arguments.

Learning Outcomes
Successfully completing this module will:
extend your knowledge of economics beyond that gained on A level or equivalent courses
improve your understanding of economic problems confronted by individuals, firms, governments and countries
provide an understanding of how economists tackle economic problems
improve your analytical skills
improve your ability to develop a logical, coherent argument
improve your ability to communicate logical, coherent arguments by means of essay-writing
prepare you to study economics at Stage 2

Preliminary Reading
Levitt, Steven and Stephen J Dubner, Freakonomics, Allen Lane, 2006
T Harford, The Undercover Economist, Abacus, 2007
The Economic Review (quarterly periodical)
Contact Hours
21 lectures and 10 seminars

Pre-requisites
A level Mathematics or an equivalent qualification.

Restrictions
EC306 cannot be taken with this module

Synopsis
This module is compulsory for students taking single or joint honours degrees in Economics, but may also be taken by students doing other degrees. The content and teaching of the module takes into account the previous mathematical knowledge of students and the Mode A version of the module is for students who have a pass in either A level Mathematics or an equivalent qualification. If you are unsure whether your mathematical background is equivalent to an A level pass, please consult the Module Convenors on your arrival at the University.

The aim of the module is to provide you with a good understanding of the mathematics necessary for your Stages 2 and 3 Economics modules. The teaching of each topic starts from first principles, but the speed of the module assumes that you have studied mathematics before (but not economics). By the end of the module, you will have covered the important uses of mathematics in economics (and business) and be able to use many mathematical techniques commonly used to analyse economic (and business) problems. In the long term, the analytical and quantitative skills you acquire from this module are relevant to many different occupations.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module, you will
be able to understand and use the mathematical techniques presented
be able to understand how mathematics is used in economics
be able to answer mathematical economics questions
have improved your analytical and quantitative skills
be equipped to deal with the mathematical parts of your Economics degree programmes
be able to present solutions to mathematical problems
have been introduced to the following areas of the use of mathematics in economics: functional relationships; matrix algebra; differentiation; techniques of optimisation; constrained optimisation; non-linear functions and integration

Preliminary Reading
G Renshaw, Maths for Economics, Oxford University Press (2nd ed), 2008
Contact Hours
22 lectures and 11 seminars, 9 revision workshops

Restrictions
EC305 cannot be taken with this module

Synopsis
The main aim of this module is to provide you with a basic understanding of mathematics suitable for the Stages 2 and 3 degree programmes in Economics, Business, and Accounting. The mathematics material is developed in a clear, contextual framework, and is linked to a Stage 1 module in Economics. You develop your understanding with suitable problem sets combining mathematical concepts and economic methods.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module you should be able to:
appreciate why economists use mathematics
use basic algebra, and understand linear, quadratic and simultaneous equations
understand how functions and equations are used in economics
calculate elasticities and work out equilibrium outcomes
differentiate simple functions and economic relationships
sketch curves and understand optimising behaviour in the context of marginal relationships
differentiate multivariable functions and calculate partial elasticities
set up and solve constrained optimisation problems
understand the basic concepts of matrices and matrix algebra

Preliminary Reading
Geoff Renshaw, Maths for Economics, Oxford University Press (2nd ed), 2009

Contact Hours
24 lectures and 11 seminars

Synopsis
The main aim of this module is to provide you with a basic understanding of statistics suitable for the Stages 2 and 3 degree programmes in Economics, Business and Accounting although it is also suitable for students taking other Social Science degrees. This module introduces you to statistical concepts and methods in preparation for Stages 2 and 3 modules in economics; it is a prerequisite for Stages 2 and 3 Economics modules and is a core input to the second year quantitative module, EC511. So as well as learning basic statistics, the module emphasises the interpretation of statistical results; and provides you with the opportunity to apply statistical concepts to economic and business data using calculators and computer software. Work with Excel is an independent study element of the module, and using calculators to undertake basic descriptive statistics is an important focus of the practical problem solving.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module, you will be able to:
organise and describe statistical data
appreciate the importance of probability concepts and apply the basic properties of probabilities and probability distributions
understand the basis of hypothesis testing and interval estimation and apply the methods to estimation of population means and regression parameters
use regression to analyse relationships between two variables
analyse simple data sets using a calculator

Preliminary Reading
M Barrow, Statistics for Economics, Accounting and Business Studies, (5th ed), Longman
Contact Hours
9 lectures, 6 seminars and 4 workshops

Synopsis
The module provides a largely non-technical introduction to the major issues affecting the European economy in the 20th and early 21st century, and to the contrasting ways in which different social and economic policy problems are tackled in a range of different countries. It provides the context for the understanding of the current European economic climate and lessons from the 20th century that will help to assess the potential success of current economic policies. The module covers following topics: the European economy in the interwar years, the Great Depression, post-WWII reconstruction, the heyday of the Golden Age 1950-1973 and the centrally planned economies, the European Integration, Europe on decline and recovery: 1973-1990 and Europe 1990s-2000.

Learning Outcomes
On completion of the module, you will:

- have learned some basic information about how modern economies work
- have gained knowledge of some of the differences between the major European economies in terms of structure, performance and policy
- have learned the role of economics in providing a framework for tackling issues which transcend social science disciplines and have the ability to structure and analyse a current economic issue using contemporary sources
- be able to present economic arguments and ideas in seminars and workshops
- be able to work in a group on problems and structure and write a report in conjunction with other students
- be able to follow the economic analysis of decisions, construct economic arguments and offer critical comments on the arguments of others

Preliminary Reading
B Eichengreen, The European Economy since 1945, Princetown University Press, 2007
Nicholas Crafts, Gianni Toniolo, Economic Growth in Europe since 1945, Cambridge University Press, 1996
Marcel P Timmer, Robert Inklaar, Mary O’Mahony, Bart van Ark, Economic Growth in Europe, Cambridge University Press, 2010

Contact Hours
12 lectures, 11 seminars/problem classes

Synopsis
This module is aimed to be accessible to all students, requiring no previous education in economics. It introduces you to the exciting fields of game theory and experimental economics. Both game theory and experimental economics are used extensively in economics and more generally in the social and biological sciences to analyse strategic interaction. The emphasis throughout the module is on discussing practical applications and providing hands-on experience of experimental economics and game theory. By the end of the module you should have a good understanding of the basic principles of game theory as well as experience in the practical issues of experimental economics.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module you will

- be able to follow analysis of interactive decision making, construct your own arguments, and offer critical comments on the arguments of others
- be able to communicate (both orally and in written form) the use of game theory in analysing real world problems
- be able to write answers to short game theoretic questions

Preliminary Reading
Avinash Dixit and Susan Skeath, Games of Strategy, Norton (2nd ed) 2006
Edward Cartwright, Behavioural Economics, Routledge, 2011
Harrington, Games, Strategy and Decision Making, Palgrave, 2009.
Lambertini, Game Theory in the Social Sciences, Routledge.
Contact Hours
11 lectures, 11 seminars, 3 workshops

Restrictions
EC302, EC304 and MA309 cannot be taken with this module

Method of Assessment
40% coursework (consisting of one timed essay (20%) and one true/false test (20%)); 60% written examination

Synopsis
This module is designed for students who have not studied Microeconomics for Business before or who have not previously completed a comprehensive introductory course in Economics. However, the content is such that it is also appropriate for students with A-level Economics or equivalent, as it focuses on the analysis, tools and knowledge of microeconomics for business. The module applies economics to business issues and each topic is introduced assuming no previous knowledge of the subject. The lectures and related seminar programme explain the economic principles underlying the analysis of each topic and relate the theory to the real world and business examples. In particular, many examples show how economic analysis and models can be used to understand the different parts of business and how policy has been used to intervene in the working of the economy. Module workshops apply economic analysis and techniques to business situations. The module is carefully designed to tell you what topics are covered under each major subject area, to give readings for these subjects, and to provide a list of different types of questions to test and extend your understanding of the material.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module, you will
be equipped with the microeconomic analysis skills and understanding necessary for business and other degrees
be able to construct your own economic arguments and offer critical comments on the arguments of others.
understand the basic principles of microeconomics
understand the main ways in which microeconomics can be used to analyse business decisions, behaviour, problems and issues
understand the economic analysis of important current business issues in the UK, the European Union and the world economy have been introduced to the following economics topics: business organisations; supply and demand; operation of markets; business in a market environment; the consumer; profit maximisation; consumer, producer and government decision making; pricing strategies; and input markets.

Preliminary Reading
Contact Hours
12 lectures, 6 seminars, 12 computing workshops

Restrictions
Only available to students studying single honours programmes in the School of Economics

Method of Assessment
10% short computer-based assignments in workshops, 10% seminar attendance and participation, 30% individual written report, 50% group report and reflective summary

Synopsis
The aim of the module is to introduce you to fundamental key skills used by economists in applying economics to real world issues. The module develops your use of information technology and your ability to access electronic and other secondary sources of data, particularly the range of skills necessary for evaluation of economic data. Finally, the module will improve your computing and quantitative skills within a structured environment.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, you will:
understand the importance of sampling in data collection
be practised in searching and retrieving electronic data
be practised in using spreadsheets, in particular, Microsoft Excel
be able to use Reuters EcoWin as a data analysis and reporting tool
have a better understanding of graphical and numerical data analyses
be able to interpret data in the context of economic theory and policy
have developed logical and coherent verbal and written arguments
have developed economic and independent learning skills
be able to analyse data to support your understanding of economics
be practised in the application of quantitative techniques
be practised in planning and working as part of a group

Preliminary Reading
Guy Judge, Computing Skills for Economists, 2000, John Wiley
Contact Hours
3 one-hour lectures, 9 two-hour workshops

Restrictions
Economics students only

Method of Assessment
Group presentation (40%), written precis (20%), class test (40%)

Synopsis
Training to become an economist requires students to learn and develop a variety of different skills, many of which go beyond an understanding of the concepts of economic theory or statistical analysis. These skills include the ability to abstract and simplify complex economic behaviour, to adapt the general concepts of economic theory to the particular case of investigation, to think through and present logical arguments, to communicate ideas effectively both verbally and in writing, to engage in critical analysis of arguments and, more generally, to problem-solve, make decisions and organise work.

A key objective of this module is to build on your knowledge of economics and to develop these core skills. This is achieved in the following way. First, by explaining how the core concepts are adapted to real-world situations in practice. Second, by assessments which encourage you to organise information, evaluate economic arguments in a critical manner, and synthesise policy recommendations.

Lectures and workshops are organised around a series of topics each of which relate to a specific theme of economic interest. Each topic explores the following key points:
• What are the institutions involved who employ economists?
• What is the role of each of these institutions?
• What economic problems do they solve and what models/approaches/skills are used?
• How are these models adapted to the specific conditions in these fields?

The areas of activity/themes covered include:
• Taxation
• Environment
• Development
• Health
• Education
• Employment
• Financial Services.

Each area examined places in context how professional economists put into practice economics across a range of different institutional settings including:
• Government Economic Service
• Regulatory authorities
• Private sector and consultancy
• Academic.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module you will
Understand and abstract the essential features of an economic issue, problem and system
Be able to synthesis and critically compare different economic analyses of an economic issue
Be practised in analytical skills that allow students to formulate and consider a range of economic problems and issues
Be practised in the use of economic concepts, e.g. opportunity cost and strategic behaviour
Have a better understanding of graphical and numerical data analyses
Be able to interpret data in the context of economic theory and policy
Be practised in developing logical and coherent written arguments
Have developed economic and independent learning skills

Preliminary Reading
There is no core text to accompany this module. Instead we provide reading material in various formats on each field of activity that is covered. In addition, you are encouraged to examine in detail various institutions web pages for examples of economic analysis and output, as well as regular economics commentaries on the economy. Examples include:
• Economist and Financial Times
• Journal of Economic Surveys (www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0950-0804)
• Institute for Fiscal Studies (www.ifs.org.uk/)
• Bank of England (www.bankofengland.co.uk/)
• HM Treasury (www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/)
• European Central Bank (ECB) (www.ecb.int/home/html/index.en.html)
• Oxera (www.oxera.com)
• OFWAT (www.ofwat.gov.uk/)
• World Bank (www.worldbank.org/)
• IMF (www.imf.org/external/index.htm)
Contact Hours
Lectures - 40 hours approximately. Seminars - 20 hours approximately.

Restrictions
This module is only available to Law students

Method of Assessment
100% coursework consisting of a portfolio worth 80% and seminar participation worth 20%.

Synopsis
This module investigates and promotes a critical approach to topics within law and to law itself. Taking a small number of topics and debates within law, the module investigates each from a critical perspective, focusing on themes of knowledge, identity, justice and power. The aim is to enable students to acquire and develop the general skills required for critical thinking and analysis, and more particularly to consider critically our own conception of law and of the institutional structures and concepts within it.

Learning Outcomes
• to equip law students with a reflective and enquiring view of their own subject.
• to promote a clear understanding of the major concepts and principles at issue in contemporary critical legal theory.
• to develop a sociological and critical perspective towards claims about law's objectivity and neutrality.
• to equip students with the ability to position law and the study of law within a range of subjects and concerns in academia and beyond.
• to promote students’ critical and reflective attitude towards their own learning.
• to equip students with the skills necessary for reasoned, critical thinking.
• to equip students with the ability to manipulate information and material from diverse sources in the presentation of a convincing argument.
• to equip students with skills required for essay and dissertation research and composition in preparation for Stage 2 work.

Preliminary Reading
Contact Hours
16 hours of lectures: 9 hours of seminars: 4 hours of case classes (approximately)

Pre-requisites
Co-requisite - This module is to be taken with LW316 Foundations of Property and is a pre-requisite for LW597 Law of Obligations. Only available to students following a Law programme of study (either single or joint honours).

Restrictions
Available only to Law students. Not available to students who have taken LW304 Obligations 1.

Method of Assessment
100% coursework consisting of an essay worth 30%, a case note and problem question worth 60% and participation made up of attendance, oral participation and a weekly wiki, worth 10%.

Synopsis
This module introduces the law of obligations, which comprises the private law of duties and rights to which individuals and organisations are subject. Traditionally, it includes the law of contract and tort (but not property). As well as introducing some of the content (which is covered more extensively in The Law of Obligations), a key focus is on the institution of the common law through which most of the law of obligations has emerged. This aspect is especially explored through the case classes, which run alongside the lectures and seminars.

Learning Outcomes
- to have the ability to use case-law, to predict the legal outcome of problem situations in at least one area of contract law and one area of tort
- to have an understanding of the nature of private law, its main subdivisions and its development

Preliminary Reading
J N Adams & R Brownsword Understanding Contract Law (Sweet & Maxwell 5th ed, 2007)
J Conaghan and W Mansell The Wrongs of Tort (Pluto 2nd ed, 1999)
C Harlowe Understanding Tort Law (Sweet and Maxwell 3rd ed, 2005)
A Weir An Introduction to Tort Law (2nd ed Oxford University Press, 2006)
Contact Hours
10 hours of lectures, 10 hours of seminars, 10 hours of case classes (approximately)

Pre-requisites
Co-requisite - This module is to be taken with LW315 Introduction to Obligations. Only available to students following a Law programme of study (either single or joint honours).

Restrictions
Only available to Law students. Not available to students who have taken LW304 Obligations I.

Method of Assessment
50% coursework (consisting of one essay); 50% written examination

Synopsis
‘Property’ is something we tend to presume we know about, and rarely examine as an idea or practice closely. Most often we use it to connote an object or ‘thing’, and presume that it has something to do with ‘ownership’ of that object. It is so simple to say ‘my property’ or ‘this is mine’. This module begins to unpack and examine the ideas and practices of property more closely: How are property claims constructed? What do we mean by ‘ownership’? What happens when a number of competing ‘ownership claims’ in one object exist? When preparing for the module it will be useful to think about (and collect material on) current debates over contested ownership (or use) of property and resources: art collections or cultural artefacts, land or natural resources dispossessed, land squatted, etc. And why, in our jurisdiction in particular, has such a strong link been made between being a ‘property owner’ (in this context a ‘home-owner’) and a ‘good citizen’.

Learning Outcomes
• to distinguish between the common law subjects and property law and, in particular, to develop an understanding of the role of equity and trusts in the development of property law.
• to identify property issues, and be able to critically examine the terms within which these issues have been set; to begin to use the tools and language employed in property law.
• to develop the skills required for reading and evaluating case material, especially a critical understanding of the building of argumentation as it defines the contours and trajectory of a judgement.
• to identify, evaluate and critique the foundational components carried within the idea of ‘property’.

Preliminary Reading
Preliminary Viewing - Its a Wonderful Life, 1946, Dir F.Copra
Preliminary Viewing - The Truman Show, 1998, Dir P Wier
Preliminary Viewing - District 13, 2004, Dir P Morel
Preliminary Viewing - La Terre Parle Arabe, 2007, Dir M. Gargour
Preliminary Viewing - The Inner Tour, 2002, Dir R. Alexandowicz
Preliminary Viewing - All That Remains, 2005, Dir Nada El-Yassir
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### LW317  Introduction to German Civil Law

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**Contact Hours**
20 hours over the year.

**Restrictions**
Not available to choose in Online Module Registration.

**Availability**
Only available to students on LLB English and German Law.

**Method of Assessment**
This module is not part of the formal 120 credit diet for Stage 1, therefore assessments do not formally ‘count’ for the degree. This module represents extra learning for students on the degree programme.

The module convenor will assess students’ level of performance as demonstrated by their attendance, level of preparation for, and participation in seminars and at least one piece of written work of 1500 – 2000 words. Students who do not demonstrate the appropriate level of performance will not be deemed to have passed the module and will therefore not be permitted to proceed to a year abroad. Students who do not pass the module and are therefore not permitted to proceed to the year abroad, will have their programme of study changed to LLB Law.

**Synopsis**
The module provides an introduction to German civil law including elements of practice and procedure.

**Learning Outcomes**
To introduce students to the German legal system
To provide a sound grounding in aspects of German civil law
To introduce students to methods of assessment used in German universities, in preparation for the year of study abroad
To introduce students to relevant legal terminology in the German language

### LW319  Introduction to Italian Civil Law

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**Contact Hours**
20 hours over the year.

**Restrictions**
Not available to choose via Online Module Registration.

**Availability**
Only available to students on LLB English and Italian Law programme.

**Method of Assessment**
This module is not part of the formal 120 credit diet for Stage 1, therefore assessments do not formally ‘count’ for the degree. This module represents extra learning for students on the degree programme.

The module convenor will assess students’ level of performance as demonstrated by their attendance, level of preparation for, and participation in seminars and at least one piece of written work of 1500 – 2000 words. Students who do not demonstrate the appropriate level of performance will not be deemed to have passed the module and will therefore not be permitted to proceed to a year abroad. Students who do not pass the module and are therefore not permitted to proceed to the year abroad, will have their programme of study changed to LLB Law.

**Synopsis**
The module provides an introduction to Italian civil law including elements of practice and procedure.

**Learning Outcomes**
To introduce students to the Italian legal system
To provide a sound grounding in aspects of Italian civil law
To introduce students to relevant legal terminology in the Italian language
To introduce students to methods of assessment used in Italian universities, in preparation for the year of study abroad
Contact Hours
20 hours over the year.

Restrictions
Not available to choose via Online Module Registration.

Availability
Only available to students on the LLB English and Spanish Law programme.

Method of Assessment
This module is not part of the formal 120 credit diet for Stage 1, therefore assessments do not formally ‘count’ for the degree. This module represents extra learning for students on the degree programme.

The module convenor will assess students level of performance as demonstrated by their attendance, level of preparation for, and participation in seminars and at least one piece of written work of 1500 – 2000 words. Students who do not demonstrate the appropriate level of performance will not be deemed to have passed the module and will therefore not be permitted to proceed to a year abroad. Students who do not pass the module and are therefore not permitted to proceed to the year abroad, will have their programme of study changed to LLB Law.

Synopsis
The module provides an introduction to Spanish civil law including elements of practice and procedure.

Learning Outcomes
To introduce students to the Spanish legal system
To provide a sound grounding in aspects of Spanish civil law
To introduce students to methods of assessment used in Spanish universities, in preparation for the year of study abroad
To introduce students to relevant legal terminology in the Spanish language

Preliminary Reading
J Marson Business Law (Oxford University Press, 2009)
E MacIntyre Business Law (Pearson Education Ltd, 5th ed, 2010)
Contact Hours
40 hours lectures; 20 hours seminars (approximately)

Pre-requisites
Please note: this module is only available to students following a Law programme of study (either single or joint honours).

Availability
Please note: This module is only available to students following a Law programme of study (either single or joint honours).

Method of Assessment
Written examination worth 80%, a written assessment of 2000-2500 words worth 10% and an oral assessment worth 10%.

Synopsis
This module studies the general principles of criminal law offences against the person and property, and general defences paying attention to such comparative, historical and philosophical analyses as cast particular light on the nature and aims of criminal law.

Learning Outcomes
• to have a clear understanding of the basic concepts, principles and rules of criminal law.
• to have the ability to analyse simple problem question scenarios and apply legal principles and case law to assess criminal liability and any defences.
• to be able to prepare accounts of the major areas of criminal law, making appropriate reference to legal and academic source authorities.
• on presentation of case facts, to be able to identify relevant legal rules, principles and case and statute law applicable for analysis and critique of the facts.
• to have the ability to engage in informed discussion on the major areas of criminal law both orally, and in writing.
• to be able to evaluate the operation of the criminal law in the social context.

Preliminary Reading
J Herring  Great Debates: Criminal Law (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009)
A Norrie  ‘Crime, Reason and History’ (  Weidenfeld & Nicholson 2nd ed, 2001)

LW567
Droit Administratif

Contact Hours
Lectures – 40 hours approximately. Seminars - 20 hours approximately. Language Class - 20 hours approximately.

Restrictions
This module is only available to students studying English and French Law and Law with a Language (French)

Method of Assessment
80% written examination and 20% coursework (4 pieces and a mark for 2 oral exposés).

Synopsis
This module introduces French constitutional and administrative law. The first part of the module addresses French constitutional law. The lectures and seminars will canvass such salient issues as the following: the historical role and contemporary relevance of French constitutional documents; the institutional organisation of constitutional and political authority in France; the evolving powers of the Conseil constitutionnel; and recent major law reforms. The second part of the module discusses French administrative law. The lectures and seminars will consider such key topics as the following: the role and functioning of administrative courts, with specific reference to the Conseil d’Etat; administrative adjudication; and governmental liability. This module also introduces students to the rigorous discipline of the fiche d’arrêt and of the dissertation juridique, two types of exercises which they will encounter on a regular basis during their year in France.

Learning Outcomes
• to have acquired a thorough understanding of French legal culture and legal reasoning;
• to have the skills required to analyze and critically reflect upon central features of French public law, both constitutional and administrative;
• to have developed a range of methodological abilities that are essential for a successful year abroad.

Preliminary Reading
Contact Hours
40 hours lectures; 20 hours seminars (approximately)

Pre-requisites
Please note: this module is only available to students following a Law programme of study (either single or joint honours).

Restrictions
Only available to LAW students

Method of Assessment
50% coursework (consisting of 1 group oral assessment worth 10%; 1 multiple choice worth 5%, 1 group written report worth 10%, 1 writing task worth 10%, 1 essay worth 15%) together with 1 written exam worth 50%.

Synopsis
This module has four main parts.
(i) An introduction to the English legal system and its constitutional significance.
(ii) Constitutionalism – the module looks at law and political theory to ask
   i) What is a state?
   ii) How does a state constitute itself?
   iii) What is the relationship between the citizen and the state?
   iv) What is the role of law?
   v) What do constitutions tells us about political projects for reform?
(iii) Forms of government
   i) Democracy
   ii) Federalism
   iii) Supra-national bodies
   (iv) Constraining the power of the state
   i) Human Rights
   ii) Judicial Review
   iii) Other mechanisms

Learning Outcomes
Summary Intended Learning Outcomes:
• Upon successful completion of this module, students will have knowledge of:
  a) The principal features of the English legal system including its institutions, civil and criminal procedures and sources of law
     and its interface with the European legal system
  b) Constitutional principles and their impact upon government
  c) Some of the philosophical arguments that lie behind constitutional and human rights discourses
  d) The organisation of states, including historical and comparative perspectives
  e) The legal and conventional constraints on the exercise of government power
  f) Human Rights protections
  g) Judicial Review and other administrative law remedies

• And be able to
  i) Identify the source of legal authority for government action
  j) Identify institutional structures and their impact upon individual citizens
  k) Read and evaluate legal and academic texts and cases and understand their relevance to the British Constitution and to the
     development of administrative law and human rights law
  l) Conduct basic research by using legal databases and library sources
  m) Construct an argument based on authoritative sources and convey it in both oral and written form, with appropriate and
     accurate use of language, referencing and citation.
  n) Analyse case law, identify the key concepts, the interrelation between the facts and the legal arguments, and proved a
     coherent account of the judgement
  o) Advance coherent legal and political arguments in both verbal and written form
  p) Provide a sustained and properly researched analysis in essay form
  q) Work collaboratively in groups to organise
     i) A visit to a local court
     ii) A group oral and written presentation
     iii) Reading groups

Preliminary Reading
D Held Models of Democracy (Polity Press, 2006)
M Partington Introduction to the English Legal System (Oxford University Press, 2008)
Contact Hours
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week.

Synopsis
Democracy in Britain does not appear to be in a healthy state. Citizens are less engaged with political institutions, and less trusting in politicians, than they used to be. Critical questions are being asked about the role and effectiveness of such key institutions as the electoral system, political parties and parliament. Meanwhile, the nature of political authority in Britain is changing rapidly. Power has been transferred upwards to the European Union, and downwards to devolved bodies in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and London. Non-electoral actors such as the media also play an important role in shaping political decisions. Where does this leave the political system at the start of the 21st century? Is government in Britain effective and democratic? Or are Britain’s political institutions failing?

This module provides students with an introduction to some of the key issues facing the political system in Britain today. The module examines the challenges facing the political system, the effectiveness of existing political arrangements and the merits of further institutional reform. While the focus is domestic, many of the same challenges are also faced by political systems in other west European countries, to which the course will make reference. The module thus aims to go beyond a simple focus on British politics, by introducing students to some of the key contemporary issues facing many western democracies.

Learning Outcomes
Understand the way that political decisions are reached in Britain.
Be able to identify the evidence and criteria used in determining which actors shape key policy decisions.
Understand the recent structural changes to Britain's political system, and the effects these changes have had.
Be able to critically review the strengths and weaknesses of political institutions in Britain, and analytically evaluate the merits of alternative institutional arrangements.
Understand how the design and operation of Britain's political system relates to arrangements in other western democracies, and be able to identify the main consequences of these similarities and differences.

Preliminary Reading
KING, A. - 'Does the UK Still Have a Constitution?', 2001
PO305  International History and International Relations

Contact Hours
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

Synopsis
This module introduces first year undergraduate students to some of the key historical events of modern history, and related debates and questions that have occupied the discipline of International Relations (IR). The focus is on communicating a few key themes, ideas, issues and principles that recur throughout the history of the last hundred years, and that cut across various theoretical approaches and different schools of thought. These key ideas include: war, conflict, violence and terror; international reformism; the nature of international order under conditions of anarchy; the balance of power; the influence of ideology on international affairs and on theorising; the tension between order and justice in the international sphere; and the nature of imperialism and its effects. Exploration of these themes, ideas, and issues emerges through analysis of the World Wars, the Cold War, decolonisation and the emergence of the US as the world's sole superpower in the post-Cold War era. The course places an emphasis on historical events between the global North and South, as these events often led to dramatic shifts and changes in international relations and foreign policy. Students will be encouraged to identify significant continuities and changes in international politics across the period studied.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the module, students will:
Have a basic knowledge of some of the key themes and events in the study of international history;
Be able to relate these historical debates to some of the key debates in International Relations theory;
Have an introductory knowledge of some of the International Relations literature relating to issues of war and peace, security, foreign policy, sovereignty, and resources;
Have an understanding of war, terror, empire and revolutions as the ‘motors’ of history;
Be able to discuss liberal alternatives to war such as international organizations and the democratic peace principle, and have a basic knowledge of the ‘end of history’ thesis and its relevance.

Preliminary Reading

PO308  Studying Politics and International Relations: Skills and Methods

Contact Hours
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

Availability

Synopsis
The first part of this module aims to teach and develop some of the important subject-specific and transferable skills needed in order to be able to successfully complete the programmes taught in the Department of Politics and International Relations. In particular, the module aims to develop students’ ability to critically read and interpret texts, to write essays, to prepare effectively for the various assessment methods used in the Department (essays, oral presentations, exams), to work in groups and to use these skills in order to improve their own learning. The second half of this module provides a basic introduction to some of the key theoretical and methodological issues involved in the study of politics.

Learning Outcomes
An awareness of the wide range of learning resources available at the University of Kent.
Familiarity with the assessment methods used in Politics and International Relations.
The ability to describe and use methods to organise and write essays, to prepare for and take exams, to prepare for and give presentations, and to apply creative and critical thinking skills.
An understanding of some of the key issues in the philosophy of social science.
The ability to critically assess the assumptions underlying some of the main approaches to the study of politics and international relations.

Preliminary Reading
HARVEY, M.  - 'The Nuts and Bolts of College Writing', Hackett, 2003
**PO310  Introduction to International Politics**

**Contact Hours**
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

**Synopsis**
This module is addressed to students who have hitherto had no training in the academic field of International Relations. It aims to establish a good basis from which to appreciate at a higher level the theoretical schools of thought in the study of international relations, and to provide a strong grounding in the study of international politics as the basis for the further study in Stage 2 on the subject matter of the discipline of international relations. It aims to create an awareness of, and a basic level of exposure to, some of the major issue areas in the study of contemporary international relations. It also seeks to make students cognizant of the main sub-fields that exist within the study of international relations and be able to relate them to each other.

**Learning Outcomes**
A good basis for further work in theory of International Relations
An awareness of major sub-fields in International Relations
A strong grounding for further work in International Relations programmes

**Preliminary Reading**
- BROWN, C. - 'Understanding International Relations'
- NICHOLSON, M. - 'International Relations'
- BAYLIS, J., SMITH, S., & OWENS, P. (eds.) - 'The Globalization of World Politics'

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**PO311  Politics and Popular Culture in Modern Japan**

**Contact Hours**
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week, or 2 hr film and 1 hour seminar.

**Synopsis**
This module utilises literature and film as well as political theory to assess the political marketplace in Japan. It will analyse the core values and problems that Japan faces and affect political beliefs. Rising nationalism, a pacifistic Constitution, a failing political engagement and rising social problems will be analysed utilising key modern writers such as Mishima Yukio and Murakami Haruki and landmark Japanese films such as the anime, Grave of the Fireflies, and more recent films such as Tokyo Sonata.

**Learning Outcomes**
Understand the politics and society of modern Japan – a major non-European nation;
Appreciate the significance of literature and film as political media;
Critically assess the main political and normative issues raised in the discourse of Japanese popular culture;
Identify key moments in the political and international history of modern Japan through the response of Japanese artists;
Question the social location and meaning of ‘political discourse.’

**Preliminary Reading**
Haruki M Norwegian Wood, Vintage 2002
### PO312 European Integration

**Contact Hours**  
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

**Availability**  
Not running 2012/13.

**Synopsis**  
This module is an attempt to explain the origin and development of the European Integration process, assumes no prior knowledge and introduces students to the concept of 'integration' as we have come to understand it. It retraces the origins of integration by defining the 'idea of Europe' and analyses the early attempts at cross-national political, military and economic cooperation. It then demonstrates how both intra and extra European events and circumstances have furnished both opportunities for and obstacles to economic and political integration.

**Learning Outcomes**  
- A knowledge of what is meant by 'European Integration' and how it has been conceptualised;
- An understanding of the driving forces behind moves to integrate in Europe since the beginning of the 20th century;
- Be able to trace the origins of organisations such as the Council of Europe, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Economic Community;
- Be able to critically assess the differences between these organisations;
- Be able to analyse the development of the European Economic Community from 1957 into the European Union in 1993;
- Have gained the ability to discuss and synthesise the dynamics of co-operation and integration in Europe

**Preliminary Reading**  
- D Dinan, 'Europe Recast', (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004)

### PO314 Introduction to Political Thought

**Contact Hours**  
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

**Synopsis**  
This module introduces students to the study of political concepts that are central to thinking about political life. Through the study of these concepts students will be introduced to the principal ideas of many of the major figures in the history of Western political thought (for example, Plato, Hobbes, Rousseau and Marx) and to the work of many contemporary political theorists as well (John Rawls, Iris Marion Young, Richard Rorty, Susan Okin and others). In addition, lectures and tutorials will familiarize students with a variety of different debates about how best to understand any given concept (such as, debates about the 'naturalness' or not of rights) as well as how to understand the relationship between different concepts (such as, whether a just society must be an equal one or not). Moreover, the module is designed to allow students to develop a set of 'conceptual tools' with which to interrogate and shape the political world in which they find themselves; a world which is saturated everyday with competing articulations of the political concepts that we will study in this module. As such, students should come to develop a subtle appreciation of how the concepts examined on this module are, to greater or lesser degrees, intrinsic to all of their studies in politics and international relations (and related subjects).

**Learning Outcomes**  
- Familiarity with some of the principal concepts used in political studies;
- An understanding of the main debates surrounding the analysis and interpretation of these concepts;
- An understanding of the main debates between the different concepts;
- An introduction to the idea of political concepts as 'essentially contested';
- Introductory knowledge of a broad range of political thinkers and political ideologies through the study of political concepts;
- An understanding of the ways in which political concepts and everyday political life are inter-related.

**Preliminary Reading**  
Contact Hours
1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar per week

Availability
Not available 2012/13; 2013/14.

Synopsis
This team taught module introduces students to the study of government through a series of lectures and seminars. The module introduces students to the key structures, institutions and processes in political life. It examines the differing ways to organize national governments and looks at the relationship between the centre and periphery. It focuses on executive, legislative and judicial institutions and power as well as those 'intermediate' institutions, such as political parties and interest groups, which link people to their government. The module concludes with an analysis of the public policy process.

Learning Outcomes
be familiar with the main debates and issues in political studies
understand the various ways to structure central authority
comprehend the various types of power (executive, legislative and judicial)
have been introduced to the intermediate institutions that link citizens and government (such as political parties, interest groups and the media)
have a basic understanding of the public policy process

Preliminary Reading
LEFTWICH, A. - 'What is Politics?', Polity, 2004
HEYWOOD, A. - 'Politics', Palgrave, 2007
AXFORD, B., BROWNING, B., HUGGINS, R. & ROSAMOND, B. - 'Understanding the Political World', Longman, 2005
Contact Hours
1-hour lecture and 1-hour seminar per week.

Availability

Synopsis
A thread running through this module is a belief that to understand today's China we have to know about it in the past. Present-day China is a product of its deep imperial past and of its revolutions in the 20th century, the Republican, the Nationalist and the Communist. Before studying the 'rise' of contemporary China, we must therefore understand the collapse of imperial China in the early 20th century. We can perceive the said rise of China as a process of regaining its rightful place in the Western-dominated international system and of mutual accommodation between China and the rest of the world. This module first examines the defining features of the Chinese traditional political system. It is followed by a narrative of modern China that starts from the late 16th century when China was ruled by the Ming dynasty (1368-1644). Over this long time span Chinese rulers, officials and intellectuals have repeatedly searched for ways to modernise their country to counter pressures from the West. Seen in this perspective, this module will be primarily focused on how China adapted itself to the modernising West in order to be accepted as a full and respected member of the international society and resolve its own pressing governance problems while preserving its own non-Western identity. With this, you should be able to understand, towards the end of this module, why China now values the respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity and the right of all nations to freely choose their own paths to development. Also, for many students of international relations, China's entry and integration into the international society since the 1970's has been strikingly non-violent. A secondary focus of this module will be on how China and other key members of the world have been mutually accommodating to each other.

Learning Outcomes
understand the influence of the quest for modernity and international recognition and prestige on the evolution of China's foreign relations and policy.
use the knowledge earned from the study of China to inform comparative political studies.
derstand the challenges both China and the world face when they increase their mutual engagement with each other in the early 21st century.
derstand China's importance as a rising economic and political power and analyse China's role in the emerging post-Cold war global order.

Preliminary Reading
Spence, J.D., The Search for Modern China, 2nd ed. (New York: W W Norton, 1999)
Zhang, Y., China in International Society since 1949: Alienation and Beyond (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 1998)
Availability
PLEASE NOTE, THIS MODULE IS TAUGHT AT CHAUCER COLLEGE

Synopsis
The role of the mass media as a key ideological state apparatus, informing and perpetuating political debate and opinion, is one that is often left under-analysed by degree programmes in Politics and International Relations.

The media saturated nature of Japan provides the basis for this module’s critical engagement with a range of theoretical and methodological approaches to Media Studies. This lecture will discuss a variety of contemporary issues and debates within the media of Japan. This module pays particular attention to the ideology and politics of media representation and the political economy of the mass media.

The module will be divided into three sections. The first section will introduce students to key theoretical concepts. Students will analyse a range of media ‘texts’, in particular, Anglo-American representations of ‘Japan’, and Japanese representations of ‘Others’ including those of ‘West’. The second section explores the media’s role in the social construction of the nation, historical memory and cultural identity. The Third section of the module will critically examine the political economy of the mass media in Japan, including Japanese public service broadcasting (NHK) and the issue of censorship in Japanese media.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students will:
- Engage with historical development of ‘key’ media institutions in Japan.
- Engage in the analysis of media representations.
- Locate the historical development of ‘key’ media institutions within contemporary debates on ownership and politics.
- Demonstrate an engagement with the relevant theoretical concepts - specifically, ideology and discourse.
- Apply the theoretical concepts such as ideology and discourse to a range of media ‘texts’, to develop lines of argument.

Preliminary Reading
FREEMAN, LAURIE Closing the shop: information cartels and Japan’s mass media (Princeton University Press, Princeton, 2000)
Contact Hours
150 hours including 22 hours lecture/seminar; 128 study hours

Method of Assessment
100% coursework: Conflict report of 2,000 words (worth 50%) and fortnightly reading assignments (worth 50%).

Synopsis
The module is designed to introduce students to the principle approaches to conflict and conflict resolution. Starting with a discussion of the pervasiveness of conflict in human existence, the module will engage with the key question of "what is conflict?" Students will be introduced to conflict management and conflict resolution approaches before engaging with conflict resolution processes such as negotiation and mediation. The module will rely on case studies and simulations to help students engage directly and better grasp the different theoretical approaches. Case studies will include an in-depth analysis of the Oslo process and a discussion of the specific difficulties linked to negotiations with "terrorists." The students will emerge from the module with knowledge of the central paradigms and concepts of conflict analysis and resolution, and with an initial set of skills (negotiation and mediation) which can be used to further understand international politics but also in their personal engagement with others.

Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this module, students will be able to:
Recognize key approaches to the study of conflict.
Understand the main concepts and theories of international conflict and conflict resolution.
Identify the main practices of conflict resolution and their limitations.
Engage with empirical cases and simulations of international conflicts.
Identify the main critiques of conflict theories.

Preliminary Reading
Contact Hours
11 lectures, 11 seminars, 5 study groups

Method of Assessment
2,000 word essay (50%); 2 hour multiple choice exam (50%).

Synopsis
Introduction to Comparative Politics introduces students to the empirical study of the key structures, institutions and processes in political life. It does so through the lens of the comparative method, in which countries are compared and contrasted to test hypotheses about various organising principles. The module first introduces the comparative method, and then discusses the different ways in which political systems can be organized and classified. It focuses on the three key powers in all political systems—executive, legislative and judicial power—and the ‘intermediate’ institutions that link people to their governments, namely elections, political parties, interest groups and the media. The module concludes with an analysis of the how and why citizens are increasingly disengaged from political life in early twenty-first century democracies.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students will:
Understand what is meant by comparative politics and be familiar with the comparative method.

Be familiar with the main debates and issues in the comparative study of political institutions and processes.
Be able to classify political systems according to different criteria.
Have a good knowledge of the executive, legislative and judicial institutions and power.
Understand the various ways to structure power.
Have been introduced to the intermediate institutions that link citizens and government (such as political parties, interest groups and the media).

Preliminary Reading
Rod Hague and Martin Harrop, Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction, 8th edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave 2010)
Andrew Heywood, Politics, 3rd Edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2007)
Contact Hours
22 (1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar weekly).

Method of Assessment
50% coursework (annotated bibliography [25%] and one essay [25%]) and 50% examination (summer term)

Synopsis
This module is designed both for students intending to specialise in social policy, and for other students who are interested in social problems and responses to them. We explore the ways in which phenomena come to be labelled as social problems, we focus upon the ‘problem of youth’ and why certain youth behaviours are seen as problematic, who defines them as such and what is expected in terms of the balance between state and family responsibility. Issues explored include: young people’s changing relationship to the family; teenage pregnancy; education and transitions to work and alcohol and drug (mis)use.

Learning Outcomes
An understanding of the ways in which phenomena come to be labelled as social problems;
An understanding of some of the key concepts used in social policy, such as need, equity, inequality, poverty, exclusion and diversity;
An ability to critically evaluate the solutions to social problems that are suggested and adopted;
An awareness of the way in which social policy not only responds to such problems but actually helps to shape them.
Developing skills in presentation and debate, both verbal and written;
Developing problem solving skills and the ability to seek solutions to social problems and individual needs.

Preliminary Reading

SA301 Social Problems and Social Policy II: The Market, The Family and the State

Contact Hours
22 (1 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar weekly)

Method of Assessment
50% coursework (two 1,200-1,500 word essays) and 50% examination (summer term)

Synopsis
This module is about why and how the state may intervene in family life or the workings of the free market to tackle social problems. It can be taken independently, but does build on SA300 ‘Youth, the Family and the State’. It is a core module for the Social Policy and Health and Social Care degrees within SSPSSR and for those taking Law and Welfare. It looks at policy responses to such issues as family life and the work-life balance, inequalities in health, poverty, homelessness and an ageing population.

Learning Outcomes
Have an introductory level understanding how a number of key social problems are perceived and dealt with by UK social policy.
Have an introductory level knowledge of the aims of social policies.
Have an introductory level knowledge of some recent developments in UK social policy.
Be familiar with some of the key debates relating to current social policies at introductory level.
Have demonstrated an ability to evaluate the effectiveness of social policies at introductory level.

Preliminary Reading
SA303  Environmental Issues: Social Science Approaches

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**Contact Hours**
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**Method of Assessment**
50% coursework (three 1,500 word essays) and 50% examination (summer term)

**Synopsis**
This module aims to give you an understanding of a range of key environmental issues, the ways in which they have arisen, and the means by which they might be addressed. Among the topics considered are: global warming, climate change and energy policy; waste and waste management; transport and tourism; development population, and agriculture; the politics of food production and supply; the rise of environmental concern; the socially constructed character of environmental issues; representations of environmental issues in mass media; environmental movements and protest; environmentalism and global justice; cultural conceptions of nature; tropical deforestation, biodiversity and trade; environmental policy and the nature of environmental law and regulation. The module includes contributions from the perspectives of sociology, anthropology, social policy, political science and law.

**Learning Outcomes**
Key environmental issues such as global warming, climate change and waste, and the policy responses to them
Why some situations come to be defined as problems while others are ignored
How the behaviour of households and business produces environmental impacts
The ways in which environmental concern is translated into public action
How actions at local, national and international levels address environmental problems, and the main obstacles they encounter
The various ways in which the environment and environmental issues are conceptualised by various disciplines

**Preliminary Reading**
Ball S & McGillivray D (5th edn. 2000 or later) Environmental Law
Bell M An Invitation to Environmental Sociology
Carter N (2nd edn. 2007) Politics and the Environment
Furedi F Population and Development: A Critical Introduction
Goldfarb T Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Environmental Issues
Harper CL (3rd or 4th edn.) Environment and Society: Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues

SO305  Introduction to Criminology

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**Contact Hours**
1 hour lecture (11 weeks) and 1 hour seminar (10 weeks).

**Pre-requisites**
SO305 is the pre-requisite module for the Stage 2 / 3 modules SO505 Sociology of Deviance, and SO536 Criminal Justice in Modern Britain.

**Method of Assessment**
50% coursework (one 2,000-2,500 word essay) and 50% 2-hour examination (summer term)

**Synopsis**
Crime is a major social and political issue and the source of much academic and popular debate. Key criminological issues will be examined during the course of the module within their wider sociological and social policy context. There will be a particular focus on understanding the nature and extent of crime and victimisation, analysing public and media perceptions of crime, and exploring the relationship between key social divisions (age, gender and ethnicity) and patterns of offending and victimisation.

**Learning Outcomes**
Demonstrate knowledge of the core debates and arguments in criminology
Critically assess the ways in which images and notions of crime are constructed and represented
Have acquired a basic understanding of the way the criminal justice system operates
Be aware of different sources on crime and victimisation and will be able to assess their usefulness for understanding the extent of crime in society.
Have a rudimentary understanding of how race, gender and age affect offending and victimisation.
Have a basic understand of the relationship between drug use and criminality.
Understood the basic role of psychology within criminology.

**Preliminary Reading**
Contact Hours
1 lecture (1 hour) per week (11 weeks) and 1 seminar (1 hour) per week (11 weeks)

Pre-requisites
None

Synopsis
This module provides first year students with a general introduction to the various ways in which cultural dynamics intertwine with the practices of crime and crime control within contemporary society. To that end, the course will contain lectures on subjects such as crime and everyday life, “reality” crime TV, surveillance and the culture of control, and police culture and the politics of crime control. The module will also seek to introduce students to other essential areas of criminological interest (such as the critical analysis of criminological theory, and criminological methods) via innovative teaching techniques involving staff debates and the close textual reading/analysis of contemporary crime news stories. In addition, this module provides a space to embed key generic social science skills (in the form of three lecture-seminar slots)

Learning Outcomes
Identify and explain some of the ways cultural dynamics intertwine with the practices of crime and crime control within contemporary society
Recognise the criminological importance of deconstructing media/popular understandings of crime and punishment
Identify and make use of different sources of media and other empirical data on crime and victimisation, and assess its usefulness for understanding the nature and extent of crime in society
Understand the value of criminological theory and how it is both applied within and used to critique practical criminal justice issues
Recognise the main types of criminological/criminological research methods, their differences and applications within criminology
The intended generic learning outcomes and, as appropriate, their relationship to programme learning outcomes
Demonstrate skills in presentation and debate, both verbal and written, and in utilization of research and empirical data
Be able to synthesise the theoretical contributions of different schools and disciplines of enquiry
Be able to gather appropriate library and web-based resources for undergraduate study; make critical judgements about their merits and use the available evidence to construct an argument to be presented orally or in writing

Preliminary Reading
### Modern Culture

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**Contact Hours**

22 hours (11 lectures and 11 seminars)

**Synopsis**

This module introduces students to discussions and debates surrounding modern culture. It looks at why culture has always been such a contested sphere and has a decisive impact on society at large. Students will look at culture in the widest sense, ranging from 'the arts' to the banalities of everyday life in our consumer society; at how culture has expressed and organised the way people think and live from the days of 'protestantism' to those of post-punk. Books, magazines, radio, TV, movies, cartoons, fashion, graffiti, the cult of celebrity, youth subcultures and pop music will be used to understand class, history, sexuality, colonialism, revolution, conflict and globalisation.

**Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the module students will be able to:

- Evaluate the historical, political, and philosophical importance of how the idea of culture is positioned.
- Implement key analytical approaches to the study of mediated modern culture.
- Understand Cultural Studies as an inter-disciplinary body of work.
- Understand culture is both product and process and gives rise to social and political 'forms of life'.

**Preliminary Reading**


### Contemporary Culture

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**Contact Hours**

22 hours (11 lectures and 11 seminars)

**Synopsis**

Contemporary culture is 'now-time' culture, but when did 'now' begin - and, will it be over before the course starts? This module focuses on analysing contemporary culture and contemporary cultural forms and aims to demonstrate the range of possible interpretations that culture can be open to. It raises questions about how culture can be viewed from aesthetic, political, ethical and economic perspectives. What is culture really for? Is it product or a process? Who owns it? Is it for fun or is it deadly serious? In order to think through contemporary issues such as multiculturalism and otherness, and what they might imply about our changing perceptions of space, place, and belonging, we'll be taking a case study approach to a range of cultural products and objects, media and institutions, and post-modern practices of communication: including such things as maps and satnavs; internet pirates; social networking technologies like Facebook and Twitter; gossip magazines; conspiracy theories; plastic surgery and tattooing; 3D movie experiences; and interactive video games such as Wii. This module aims to understand the transformation of culture and everyday life we are living through and the way it changes who we are.

**Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the module students will be able to:

- Situate the idea of 'contemporary culture' and of 'the contemporary' within a philosophical and historical context.
- Implement key analytical approaches for the study of contemporary culture through case studies.
- Understand contemporary culture through an inter-disciplinary body of work.
- Understand the contemporary cultural conjuncture as a political, economic and social phenomenon.

**Preliminary Reading**

Contact Hours
Contact Hours: 22 (one lecture and one seminar each week)

Availability
Available 2012-13, 2013-14

Method of Assessment
50% coursework (2 essays/assignments of 1500-2000 words) 50% exam

Synopsis
Sociology offers insight into how society works. To do this, we question and look behind the ‘common sense’ view of everything in the social world. This course looks at a range of important and topical aspects of society and explains how we can make better sense of them by ‘thinking sociologically’. The aim is to introduce students to the wide range of topics which comprise contemporary Sociology and indicate how social circumstances shape and influence our lives. Why do powerful differences and inequalities between men and women persist even though both are now formally equal? Why, in a world that is safer and healthier than ever before, do we witness so much concern about risks such as to our health, children and security. These are type of questions we will begin to answer. The course is suitable both for those who have studied sociology at A level, and those who have not. There is a considerable emphasis on interactive discussion, through weekly seminar groups.

Learning Outcomes
To develop a significant understanding of a range of social issues and how the sociological understanding differs from ‘common sense’
To develop writing skills through essay construction
To develop group work skills through seminar work
To acquire skills in locating and sourcing sociological research and data

Preliminary Reading
Fulcher and Scott, Sociology (3rd edn.), Chapters: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12

SO337 Fundamentals of Sociology

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Contact Hours
Contact Hours: 22 (one lecture and one seminar each week)

Availability
Available 2012-13, 2013-14

Method of Assessment
100% coursework (3 essays/assignments of 2000-2500 words)

Synopsis
This course provides grounding in the basic history and assumptions of sociological thinking and research, and how they apply to key aspects of our society. Topics are less from everyday experience than in the Sociology of Everyday Life course, focusing on more abstract topics such as the state and globalization. Students will also be encouraged to consider competing perspectives on these topics and how they might be assessed. There will be a lecture and seminar each week and students will be encouraged to engage in informed discussion and debate.

Learning Outcomes
To develop and understanding of different theoretical perspectives
To introduce students to competing sociological arguments
To raise some of the controversies encountered by sociologists in order to promote critical thinking
To obtain sufficient knowledge of the empirical evidence used in sociology
To become familiar with understanding more abstract social processes and institutions

Preliminary Reading
Fulcher and Scott, Sociology (3rd edn.), Chapters: 1, 2, 3, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Contact Hours
3 hours per week. 1 one-hour statistics lecture, 1 one-hour methodology lecture, and a combination of practicals and workshops.

Restrictions
This module is available only to students studying Psychology

Method of Assessment
Coursework: (60%): - RPS is worth 16.69% and in addition is required for completion of the programme learning outcomes and therefore is required for progression. There are 3 group reports worth 8.33% each. There are 4 short individual reports worth 8.33% each; there is 1 long individual report in APA format worth 25%.
All students sit a 2-hour unseen written examination (40%).

Synopsis
This module consists of statistics and research methods lectures and workshops, as well as laboratory demonstrations. Assessment is by structured coursework, research report writing, statistics exercises, multiple choice and essay examinations. Meetings take place three times per week (consisting of combinations of lectures, workshops or laboratory demonstrations).

Learning Outcomes
To understand elementary principles of research design, the scientific method, experimental and descriptive research
To learn how principles of scientific method are instantiated in specific research examples
To learn about relationships between statistics and research hypotheses
To conduct simple statistical tests
To interpret results of inferential statistics
To report research concisely and accurately

Preliminary Reading

SP301 Introduction to Biological and General Psychology

Contact Hours
1 two-hour lecture per week plus a 1.5 hour weekly study skills workshop, which is integrated with the other core subject in year 1 (SP302).

Restrictions
This module is available only to students studying Psychology

Method of Assessment
Coursework: mid-module multiple choice exam in week 12 (20%); personal development portfolio based on the study skills workshops (20%). Examination: All students sit a 1-hour multiple choice examination.

Synopsis
Psychology is an increasingly popular discipline, possibly because of its relevance to the problems of everyday life. It is also a scientific discipline and draws on other areas of scientific investigation for its concepts and ideas, including Biology, Linguistics, Computer Science and Philosophy. The general aim of this module is to introduce students to the scientific study of behaviour, covering the basic approaches to the subject, including the Biological approach, the Cognitive approach, Behaviourism and Ethology, the Development perspective and related philosophical ideas. Rather than teach these topics in separate blocks, the module is organised so as to emphasise how the theoretical frameworks underlying these approaches relate and contrast. The module also shows how psychological theories and ideas can be used to account for both everyday and abnormal human behaviour.

Learning Outcomes
Find the relevant psychology material, organise it with reference to the task at hand and demonstrate the ability to manipulate such information
Demonstrate the ability to communicate critically, acquire good listening skills; show an ability to work with others
Write essays which demonstrate an understanding of academic conventions
Be able to select, organise, develop and synthesize complex psychological literature
Be able to structure, develop and defend arguments during seminars
Show an ability to build upon feedback and advice provided by staff and teachers

Preliminary Reading
Contact Hours
1 weekly two-hour lecture and a 1.5 hour weekly study skills workshop, which is integrated with the other core subject in year 1 (SP301).

Restrictions
This module is available only to students studying Psychology

Method of Assessment
Coursework: 1 essay with a word limit of 1,500 words (20%); personal development portfolio based on the study skills workshops (20%). Examination: All students sit a 1-hour multiple choice examination.

Synopsis
This module, along with other Stage 1 psychology modules, provides a foundation for Stages 2 and 3. It will provide students with an introduction to the methods, techniques and issues involved in the study of social psychology. The emphasis of the module is on theory as the foundation of an empirical discipline and the importance of scientific methodology. It highlights the interplay between theory, research, and application in social psychology. Focus is placed on core theories and research in (a) social psychology, (b) developmental psychology, (c) personality psychology and (d) applied social psychology. Each of these thematic blocks begins with an overview of the historical development of the subject before introducing students to current theories and methods. The module is taught through lectures and skills workshops.

Learning Outcomes
Knowledge and understanding of main phenomena, methods, and theorising in social psychology
Develop intellectual skills, including reading and writing skills, critical reflection and written analysis and interpretation
Develop subject-specific skills, including evaluating and selecting appropriate frameworks and methodologies for exploring issues in social psychology, and employing the inferential method in science
Develop transferable skills, including communication skills, numeracy, use of information technology, working with others, and problem solving

Preliminary Reading
Core reading:
[Either core reading is suitable for SP302. Crisp and Turner’s book is designed for introductory courses, whereas Hogg and Vaughan’s text contains more detail.]
Core reading:
Supplementary reading:
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### Contact Hours
1 weekly two-hour lecture

### Restrictions
This module is not available to students studying Psychology. It is intended as a ‘wild’ module for non-Psychology students

### Method of Assessment
Coursework: Students are required to earn 32 Psychology Research Participation credits during the term. Examination: All students sit a multiple choice examination.

### Synopsis
This module introduces students to the study of psychology, with the aim of providing an introductory understanding of some key topics within psychology and seminal psychological research. No prior knowledge of psychology is expected or assumed. The module encourages students to explore classical concepts in psychology within the context of cutting edge research and contemporary issues within modern society. There is a particular focus on how psychology and concepts within the subject can inform controversial issues in everyday society (e.g. the evolution of mind, mental illness and treatment, self and personality, understanding emotions, identity development and crises, and use of language).

### Learning Outcomes
Knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the diversity of theoretical and empirical approaches in psychology
Introductory knowledge and basic understanding of the principal topics in psychology and how they relate to contemporary society
An awareness of sub-disciplines within psychology and how they are connected
The development of independent learning skills to support learning and personal development through the use of available resources (e.g. the web)

### Preliminary Reading
Contact Hours
1 weekly two-hour lecture

Pre-requisites
No pre-requisites for students registered for a psychology programme of study. For non-psychology students EITHER SP304 Introduction to Psychology I OR SP305 Introduction to Psychology II is required as a pre-requisite.

Availability
Available to all Stage 1 Psychology students. Also available to Stage 2 non-Psychology students who have taken EITHER SP304 Introduction to Psychology I OR SP305 Introduction to Psychology II.

Method of Assessment
One two-hour multiple choice examination. In the case of short-term exchange students unable to sit the exam, it may be replaced by a single piece of coursework of increased length.

Synopsis
This module will introduce students to key topics in Forensic Psychology including theories of offending, the development of offending, the rehabilitation of offenders, the criminal justice system, criminal statistics, policing, and the public's response to crime. In particular, this module will focus on (1) fundamental applications of psychology, as a science, for understanding important forensic issues, and (2) key research methods common in forensic psychological research. Throughout the module, students will be encouraged to apply contemporary psychological concepts and methods to understand the important forensic psychological issues outlined.

Learning Outcomes
To gain a basic understanding of the concepts of Forensic Psychology
To develop basic knowledge about various theories related to the occurrence of criminal behaviour
To develop basic knowledge of various interventions employed in the rehabilitation of criminal offenders
To become familiar with how scientific/research methodology is employed in the context of forensic psychology

Preliminary Reading