

PO1001 - POLITICS IN FIRST YEAR

2021 - 2022

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Websites:

BA Politics: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck101/politics/>

Canvas: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/canvas/>

Department: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/government-and-politics/>

Class Times:

Monday: 11am – 12 noon in Boole 3

Wednesday: 2 - 3pm in Boole 4

Thursday: 9 - 10am in Boole 2

Introductory Class:

Wednesday 29th September, Boole 4.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND ON 29 SEPTEMBER at 2pm.

No class on Monday 27th of September 2021.

Tutorials:

Tutorials are a compulsory element for PO1001. Students must sign up for one tutorial that suits their timetable through Canvas -Details to follow. This will take place from Monday 4th– Thursday 7th October 2021.

Tutorials will begin the week of **Monday 11th October 2021**

IMPORTANT: In accordance with current public health guidelines, different sections of the module are subject to different delivery methods (see overleaf). Please note, however, that the information overleaf should be checked against the relevant module Canvas webpage which will contain the most accurate and up-to-date information in relation to teaching

arrangements. Teaching arrangements may change at short notice due to health guidelines and this information will be shared on Canvas and by email.

PO1001	Teaching Delivery Arrangements for 2021-22
Lectures	Section 1: Face-to-face teaching. Rotas for attendance will be put in place once students have registered. Lectures will also be available online via Canvas.
	Section 2: Face-to-face teaching. Attendance will be staggered, and rotas for attendance will be put in place once students have registered. Lectures will also be available online via Canvas.
	Section 3: Synchronous online delivery (online live and delivered as per the timetable. Lectures will also be recorded and available via Canvas.)
Tutorials	Face to face teaching.

COURSE SCHEDULE

SEMESTER ONE

Wednesday 29th September: Introductory Class.

Section 1: Politics in Ireland with Dr Theresa Reidy

Thursday 30th September - Thursday 18th November: (8 Weeks)

Section 2: International Politics with Dr Michael Whelan and Ms Rebecca Crunden

Monday 22nd November – Thursday 9th December: (3 Weeks)

Friday 10th December – Tuesday 21st December: Exam Period

Wednesday 22nd December – Friday 14th January: Christmas Recess

SEMESTER TWO

Section 2 (cont'd): International Politics with Dr Michael Whelan and Ms. Rebecca Crunden

Monday 17th January- Thursday 17th February: International Politics (5 Weeks)

Section 3: Political Theory with Dr Katy Dineen

Monday 21st February – Thursday 7th April: Politics in Ireland (7 Weeks)

Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April: Easter Recess

Monday 25th April – Thursday 28th April: Study/Review Period

Friday 29th April - Friday 13th May: Exam Period

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Section 1: Politics in Ireland with Dr Theresa Reidy

This section will examine the workings of government and politics in the Republic of Ireland. It will explore party politics and consider voting behaviour at elections since the foundation of

the state. Political institutions and recent political reforms will also be evaluated. A comparative approach will be taken throughout the section.

On completion of this section, you should have expanded your knowledge and understanding of politics in Ireland, improved your analytical ability and developed transferable skills.

The following topics will be addressed in the course of the module:

Political Institutions, The Electoral System,

The Party System, Political Culture and Voting Behaviour.

Reading Materials for Section 3:

Coakley & Gallagher, Politics in the Republic of Ireland, 6th Edition, Routledge, 2018

Section 2: International Politics with Dr Michael Whelan and Ms Rebecca Crunden

What are the causes and consequences of international conflict and cooperation, both in a political-military sense and a political-economy sense? What is the role of the state in international politics? We will attempt to answer these and other questions through a systematic exploration of the origins and development of the modern international system right up to the present day. War, peace-making, international organizations, ideologies and the international political economy are all essential aspects of international politics which will be examined in detail.

Reading Materials for Section 2:

Daniel W. Drezner, Theories of International Politics and Zombies, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011

Section 3: Political Theory with Dr Katy Dineen

From COVID-19 to Putin, from the refugees' crisis to Trump, in order to make sense of politics today we need a firm grounding in political theory and moral philosophy. Does COVID-19 unmask structural inequalities, showing we are all deeply interconnected? Does the Brexit referendum reflect the will of the people? And what is 'the will of the people' anyway? And in the age of post-truth, do we know what is 'truth', and why is truth important to democracy? To answer these questions we will need the help of some great philosophers in the history of ideas: Plato, Cicero, Rousseau, Kant, Marx and Hannah Arendt.

Reading Materials for Section 1: These will be posted on Canvas.

ASSESSMENT:

Total Marks 300: Continuous Assessment 300 marks (3 x Assignments (1,500 word essay or report) (Each worth 60 marks) and 3 x In-Class tests (Each worth 40 marks).)

Tutorial attendance and participation is compulsory.

Assessment for First Arts Politics is made up solely of “continuous assessment.”

This consists of:

- i) 3 x In-Class Tests taken at the end of each section
- ii) 3 x Assignments, given at various points over the course of the year.

There is no final summer exam for First Arts Politics.

Section 1: The first in-class/Canvas test will take place on **10 November 2021** for the Politics in Ireland section.

The essay assignment is due on **22 November 2021** submitted through Turnitin/Canvas.

Section 2: The second in-class test will take place on **17 February 2022** and will cover material from Dr Michael Whelan and Ms Rebecca Crunden’s section.

The essay assignment is due **4 March 2022**.

Section 3: The third in-class test will take place on **7 April 2022** and will cover material from Dr Katy Dineen’s section.

The essay assignment is due on **16 March 2022**.

In-Class Tests may be carried out in class or on Canvas. A final decision will be made subject to Covid guidelines and the information will be provided in class.

All assignments must be submitted via Turnitin/Canvas due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Arrangements may change in semester two should government guidelines change.

If you are unwell, or face some other emergency on the day of a test, please provide appropriate documentation (e.g. a doctor’s certificate) to verify the reason for the absence on that date and the department will make alternative arrangements. Students are expected to submit medical certificates by email to government@ucc.ie

EXTENSION APPLICATION PROCESS

The Department supports students who have genuine difficulties and asks students to please be aware of and observe the following procedures:

- Extension requests need to be supported by appropriate documentation, e.g. medical cert or counsellor's letter.
- These documents need to be submitted in a timely fashion with the extension request. Extensions may not be granted for retrospective medical certs that are submitted weeks after the assignment deadline has passed.
- Requests will only be considered where the documentation is received within the period of the assignment, i.e. before the deadline, apart from when there are exceptional circumstances.

- The **Extension Application Form** is available on the Department website, and in the 'Pages' section of PO1001 on **Canvas**. The form needs to be completed and emailed to government@ucc.ie along with supporting documentation.
- Once the extension is approved by the Extension Officer, the student will be informed by email.

NOTE PLEASE:

- **Students should not email medical certificates or notes of absences to individual lecturers – these should always be emailed to government@ucc.ie**

Procedures for Repeat Examinations

If you fail the module **overall** (less than 40% in total) then you will have to repeat any of the continuous assessment elements that you failed or did not submit. Passed elements of continuous assessment are carried forward.

STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Work which is submitted late shall be assigned a mark of **ZERO** (or a Fail Judgement in the case of Pass/Fail modules).
2. **University Policy on handling Plagiarism**
 - a) As soon as possible after the submission, the lecturer reviews the assignments and checks for plagiarism.
 - b) Where plagiarism is suspected, the lecturer informs the head of department (HoD) and the relevant administrator.
 - c) Where plagiarism is established, a meeting is scheduled with the student to outline/explain the case of plagiarism and the penalty to be applied. This meeting is attended by lecturer and HOD (or HOD's nominee). The penalty to be applied is at the discretion of the HOD.
 - d) The lecturer advises the relevant administrator of the outcome of the meeting. Communication is sent to the student by the HoD/Administrator.
 - e) In cases where the plagiarism is adjudged to be particularly egregious, the HoD and the team will complete the Student Records and Examinations Office (SREO) policy template report and forward it to the SREO. Communication is sent to the student to outline what was discussed at the meeting and the penalty to be applied. This communication will also advise the student of their options under the University's Breach of Examination Regulations process.

COVID 19

The UCC Covid 19 page is available at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/emt/covid19/>

Students are strongly encouraged to download and use the UCC Covid 19 app.

Please follow all instructions relating to lecture attendance, rotas, room layouts, etc.

Masks must be worn at all times in lectures and tutorials.

All queries relating to module content should be sent to the relevant lecturer by email.

Meetings will be by appointment only, and online, unless otherwise stated.

Assignments should be submitted online via Canvas

All general queries should be sent to government@ucc.ie

Extension application requests and medical certs should continue to be submitted to government@ucc.ie

The Department of Government and Politics main admin office is ORB 2.50. Access to this office is strictly by appointment only. Please email government@ucc.ie if an appointment is needed.

Coronavirus COVID-19



Help prevent coronavirus



Wash your hands



Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing



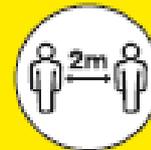
Avoid touching your face



Keep surfaces clean



Stop shaking hands and hugging



Keep a safe distance

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

Visit [HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie)

For updated factual information and advice

Or call 1850 24 1850

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