



# UCC

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University College Cork, Ireland

## POLITICS IN SECOND YEAR 2025/2026

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**Useful websites/webpages:**

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

General overview of the Politics subject: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck101/politics/>

Programme requirements in relation to the Politics subject: <https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/bapol/#programmerequisitestext>

### STUDENTS TAKE POLITICS CREDITS AS FOLLOWS:

*For 50, 40 or 30 credit subject: Students must take PO2001 (5 credits) and at least 5 credits from each group.*

*For 20-credit subject: **Option 1:** Students take PO2001 (5 credits) and at least 5 credits from each group **or** **Option 2:** Students take modules to the value of 20 credits, with at least 5 credits from each group.*

*For 10-credit subject: Students may take PO2001 (5 credits) and must **NOT** take two modules from the same group.*

**Group 1:** ES2022, ES2027, ES2032, ES2033, ES2036, HI2048 (5 credits per module)

**Group 2:** GV2229, GV2239, GV2241, GV3210, GV3212, GV3215, GV4102 (5 credits per module)

**Group 3:** PH2004, PH2012, PH2017, PH2018, PH2028, PH2034, PH2035 (5 credits per module).

**N.B. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU TAKE A 5 CREDIT MODULE FROM EACH GROUP (DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL).**

Group 1 – School of History – ES and HI modules

Group 2 – Department of Government and Politics – GV modules

Group 3 – Department of Philosophy – PH modules

IT IS UP TO EACH STUDENT TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE REGISTERED CORRECTLY AND HAVE PICKED THE APPROPRIATE MODULES.

IF YOU FAIL TO OBSERVE THE ABOVE REGULATIONS YOU WILL NOT PASS THE YEAR AND WILL HAVE TO REPEAT IN THE AUTUMN.

YOU ALSO NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING ENTRY FROM THE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR:

The mark in the BA (Hons) Degree is the combination of the aggregate marks achieved in the Second Arts and BA (Hons) Degree Examinations, in the following proportions, provided that both years have been passed independently: **Second Arts 33.33 % of 1000 marks, BA (Hons) Degree 66.66% 1000 marks. In other words: 2<sup>nd</sup> year counts for one-third of your final degree mark.**

Please consult the [UCC Book of Modules](#) carefully when making your module choices and be sure to avoid timetable clashes when choosing electives. You can do this by referring to the university timetables at this [link](#).

#### FIRST SEMESTER MODULES

**PO2001 - Political Analysis [COMPULSORY for students studying 30 credits or more of the Politics subject]**

**Lecturers:** Dr Fiona Buckley (f.buckley@ucc.ie), Department of Government and Politics; Dr Clodagh Harrington, School of History; Dr Jason Dockstader (j.dockstader@ucc.ie), Department of Philosophy.

**Module Objective:** Develop critical awareness of different approaches to the study of politics.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Thursday 12:00 - 14:00 C\_WGB\_G08

**NB:** The first class on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** will include a general introduction to BA Politics in Second Year.

**ES2027 - Comparative European Politics I**

**Lecturer:** Katherine McGarry, European Studies, School of History.

**Module Objective:** To introduce key concepts, theories and issues involved in the study of Comparative European Politics.

**Lecture Schedule:** Hybrid Mode of Teaching:

Online asynchronous (10 x 2 hours) and in-person seminars and/or consultations (4 x 1 Hour – dates and venues TBC).

**ES2033 - Model European Union**

**(NB - This module runs over Semester 1 & Semester 2)**

**Lecturer:** Katherine McGarry, European Studies, School of History.

**Module Objective:** To examine EU affairs, key EU policies and the Councils of the EU. To give students an opportunity to develop communication and negotiating skills by participating in simulated Summit Meetings of the European Council and the Council of the EU.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Semester 1: Friday 12.00 – 14.00\* C\_CONN\_S3 (\*the 13.00-14.00 hour is used occasionally for individual and/or group consultations)

Semester 2: Friday 12.00 – 14.00\* C\_ORB\_123 (\*the 13.00-14.00 hour is used occasionally for individual and/or group consultations)

### ES2036 - Institutions of the European Union

**Lecturer:** Katherine McGarry, European Studies, School of History.

**Module Objective:** To analyse the evolving composition, functions, powers, and significance of key European Union Institutions; to reflect upon related questions for contemporary Europe.

#### **Lecture Schedule:**

Wednesday 16.00 – 18.00 C\_ORB\_101

### GV2229 - Citizen Participation

**Lecturer:** Dr Clodagh Harris, Department of Government and Politics.

**Module Objective:** To examine political mobilisation and public participation in the democratic process.

#### **Lecture Schedule:**

Monday 13.00 – 15.00 C\_WW\_5

### GV3212 - Political Economy –Trade

**Lecturer:** Prof Theresa Reidy, Department of Government and Politics.

**Module Objective:** To develop an appreciation for the theories and practices of international political economy.

#### **Lecture Schedule:**

Monday 9.00 – 10.00 C\_CUMMINS\_G10\*

Monday 10.00 – 11.00 C\_ELECT\_L1

### GV3215 - Politics of the USA

**Lecturer:** Dr Laurence Davis, Department of Government and Politics.

**Module Objective:** The chief aim of this module is to acquaint students with the essential features of United States government and politics.

#### **Lecture Schedule:**

Wednesday 16.00 – 18.00 C\_WW\_9

### GV4102 - Women, Gender and Politics

**Lecturer:** Dr Fiona Buckley, Department of Government and Politics

**Module Objective:** To address differing perspectives in political science.

#### **Lecture Schedule:**

Monday 11.00 – 13.00 C\_WGB\_G14

### PH2004 - An Introduction to Political Philosophy

**Lecturer:** Dr Vittorio Bufacchi, Department of Philosophy.

**Module Objective:** To familiarise students with philosophical approaches to social and political questions.

#### **Lecture Schedule:**

Monday 11.00 – 12.00 C\_KANE\_B10A\*  
Wednesday 10.00 – 11.00 C\_ORB\_123

### **PH2034 - Capitalism and Welfare**

**Lecturer:** Prof Don Ross, Department of Philosophy.

**Module Objective:** To identify and discuss key concepts in the history and institutional evolution of capitalism, and the relationships between these concepts and institutions and human welfare.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Monday 15.00 – 16.00 C\_WGB\_G13  
Tuesday 13.00 – 14.00 C\_KANE\_B10A\*

### **PH2035 - Roman Political Thought: Cicero**

**Lecturer:** Dr Vittorio Bufacchi, Department of Philosophy.

**Module Objective:** To identify and discuss the importance of the Roman Republic on contemporary debates in political philosophy, and in particular to understand the contribution of Cicero to Western philosophy.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Wednesday 13.00 – 14.00 C\_WW\_5  
Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 C\_AL\_G18

## **SECOND SEMESTER MODULES**

### **ES2022 - The European Union & the International System**

**Lecturer:** Dr Jerome Aan De Wiel, School of History.

**Module Objective:** To survey the international context of the European Union.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Wednesday 16.00 – 18.00 C\_WW\_5

### **ES2032 - Mediterranean Politics**

**Lecturer:** Katherine McGarry, European Studies, School of History

**Module Objective:** To develop a detailed knowledge of the government and politics of certain Mediterranean member states of the European Union.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 C\_WW\_5 (Clash with GV2239)  
Thursday 13.00 – 14.00 C\_AL\_G18

### **HI2048 - 1989 Revolutions: Poland and East Central Europe - transition to democracy**

**Lecturer:** Dr Bozena Cierlik, School of History.

**Module Objective:** To examine the collapse of communist system in East Central Europe and the post-1989 struggle for democracy in the region. The Polish case will be examined closely as the example of this process.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00 C\_ELECT\_L2\*

### **GV2239 - Chinese Politics**

**Lecturer:** Dr Niall Duggan, Department of Government and Politics.

**Module Objective:** Introduction to the Politics of Modern China

**Lecture Schedule:**

Thursday 09.00 – 11.00 C\_WGB\_G08 (Clash with ES2032)

**GV2241 Elections and Voting**

**Lecturer:** Dr Liam Weeks, Department of Government and Politics.

**Module Objective:** On completion of this module, students should have an appreciation and understanding of contemporary political behaviour through a gendered lens.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Tuesday 13.00 – 15.00 C\_WGB\_G15

**GV3210 - Conflict and Conflict Resolution**

**Lecturer:** Dr Niall Duggan, Department of Government and Politics.

**Module Objective:** To develop an understanding of conflict, conflict prevention and conflict resolution.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Thursday 11.00 – 13.00 C\_KANE\_G18

**PH2012 - Knowledge and Reality**

**Lecturer:** Dr Bengt Autzen, Department of Philosophy.

**Module Objective:** To critically assess a number of philosophical positions on the nature and possibility of knowledge.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Monday 13.00 – 14.00 C\_AL\_G18

Wednesday 11.00 – 12.00 C\_BOOLE\_6

**PH2017 - Feminist Philosophy**

**Lecturer:** Dr Evelien Geerts, Department of Philosophy.

**Module Objective:** To critically assess a number of philosophical positions regarding feminism.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Tuesday 14.00 – 15.00 C\_ORB\_212

Thursday 15.00 – 16.00 C\_ORB\_212

**PH2018 – Violence and War**

**Lecturer:** Dr Vittorio Bufacchi, Department of Philosophy.

**Module Objective:** Through case studies from contemporary politics, this module addresses questions and topics such as: What is violence? Can it ever be justified? Are there limits to justified violence? Can wars be just? Jus ad bellum, and jus in bello. Semester: Semester 2 (Jan-May)

**Lecture Schedule:**

Monday 15.00 - 16.00 C\_BOOLE\_2

Wednesday 09.00 – 10.00 PHARM\_LG51\*

**PH2028 - Applied Ethics**

**Lecturer:** Dr Juliana de Albuquerque, Department of Philosophy

**Module Objective:** To introduce students to a selection of moral theories and understand how these theories can be applied to real case-studies.

**Lecture Schedule:**

Tuesday	15.00 – 16.00	C_FSB_A1
Thursday	16.00 – 17.00	C_AL_G30*

**STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AND THE UNIVERSITY'S PLAGIARISM POLICY:**

Work which is submitted late shall be assigned a mark of **zero** (or a Fail Judgement in the case of Pass/Fail modules).

**University policy on handling plagiarism**

- As soon as possible after the submission, the lecturer reviews the assignments and checks for plagiarism.
- Where plagiarism is suspected, the lecturer informs the Head of Department (HoD) and the relevant administrator.
- 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.
- The lecturer advises the relevant administrator of the outcome of the meeting. Communication is sent to the student by the HoD/Administrator.
- 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.

**University policy on academic integrity and the use of AI**

*"Academic Integrity is breached if students submit the products of GenAI as their own work without acknowledgement or without authorisation to use GenAI in fulfilling the task".*

For more information, please see the university's policy:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/academicgov/policies/standards/academicintegrityforexaminationsandassessmentspolicy2025-2026/>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

All students must subscribe to the **SGPP list**. This will allow you to keep up to date with any notices, announcements, and information relevant to your studies. You can click [here](#) to subscribe.

**Other useful university services include:**

Boole Library	<a href="https://libguides.ucc.ie/library">https://libguides.ucc.ie/library</a>
Career Services	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/careers/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/careers/</a>
Disability Support	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/dss/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/dss/</a>
Graduate Studies Office	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/contactus/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/contactus/</a>
IT Student Support	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/sit/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/sit/</a>
Mardyke Arena	<a href="https://www.mardykearena.com/">https://www.mardykearena.com/</a>
Student Experience Office	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/studentexperience/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/studentexperience/</a>
Student Health and Wellbeing	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/</a>
UCC Societies	<a href="https://societies.ucc.ie/">https://societies.ucc.ie/</a>
UCC Skills Centre	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/skillscentre/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/skillscentre/</a>
Student Financial Supports & Advice	<a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/sfsa/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/sfsa/</a>