

School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	The -Isms: Past and Present
Code	CPU22071
Semester	1
ECTS credits	5
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Module Content

Delivered with immediate relevance, this module introduces students to the beliefs, trends and practices that have influenced the issues we face as a global community today. Each week, an “-ism” will be explored through its origins, applications, and presence in historic and contemporary conversations, then serve as the discussion topic. The following ‘-isms’ are a sample of the themes to be addressed:

- Activism
- Capitalism
- Decolonialism
- Diagonalism
- Ecocriticism
- Fascism
- Feminism
- Futurism/Digitism
- Monotheism
- Nationalism
- Socialism/Marxism
- Revisionism
- “Woke-ism”

Learning Outcomes

- Understand, define and analyse the selected fundamental intellectual, cultural, political and economic ideas from modern Western history continuing into or being revisited in the twenty-first century.
- Demonstrate critical knowledge and understand the significance of the characteristics of ideologies and practices.

- Identify approaches in a range of cultural artefacts (e.g. news outlets, political platforms, entertainment, social media, policies etc).
- Critically evaluate examples of the module's themes in society.

Assessment

Commentary: In advance of each week's theme, students will submit a 400-word commentary (or equivalent) on either an academic source (such as the theme's reading) or a cultural artefact that engages with that week's -ism. **(85%)**

Participation: Attendance and discussion participation is mandatory and are factored into the overall mark. **(15%)**