

POU33222 — Politics of the United Kingdom

Module Information	
Module Code	<i>POU33222</i>
Module Title	<i>Politics of the United Kingdom</i>
Department	<i>Political Science</i>
Year Group	<i>Junior Sophister</i>
Module Personnel	<i>Joseph B. Phillips</i>
Academic Year	<i>2026-27</i>
Credit Weighting	<i>5 credits</i>
Semester	<i>Semester 2</i>
Contact Hours	<i>20 hours of lectures, 5 hours of tutorials</i>

Module Content	
Module Description	<i>This module examines how both institutions and mass political actors contribute to the United Kingdom's current political situation. It examines the Westminster parliamentary structure, the ongoing devolution process, political parties and the electoral divides they represent, Brexit, and emerging forms of polarisation.</i>
Module Learning Aims	<i>This module will provide students with the tools to understand the institutional structure, evolving constitutional issues, and key political divides within the United Kingdom.</i>
Learning Outcomes	<i>Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</i> <i>- Understand the basic constitutional framework of the United Kingdom</i> <i>- Identify key factors which shape contemporary British politics</i> <i>- Explain both historical and ongoing political divides within the United Kingdom</i> <i>- Critically evaluate key challenges and constraints facing political actors in the UK</i>
Indicative Reading / Resources	<i>Recommended Background Reading Includes: Blick, A. (2021) UK Politics. Oxford University Press.</i>

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	<i>Furlong, J., & Jennings, W. (2024). The Changing Electoral Map of England and Wales. Oxford University Press.</i> <i>Garnett, M., Dorey, P., & Lynch, P. (2021). Exploring British Politics 5th edition. Routledge.</i>
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Assessment

Assessment Components	<i>Participation 5%</i> <i>Mid-Term Essay 45%</i> <i>Final Essay 50%</i>
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Additional Information

Prerequisites	<i>None</i>
Co-requisites	<i>None</i>