

POU44050 — Political Psychology

Module Information	
Module Code	<i>POU44050</i>
Module Title	<i>Political Psychology</i>
Department	<i>Political Science</i>
Year Group	<i>Senior Sophister</i>
Module Personnel	<i>Gizem Arikan</i>
Academic Year	<i>2026-2027</i>
Credit Weighting	<i>10 ECTS</i>
Semester	<i>Both</i>
Contact Hours	<i>2 lectures per week</i>

Module Content	
Module Description	<i>This module covers some of the key theories and issues in political psychology, including the formation of political attitudes, attitudinal change and stability, prejudice, and discrimination.</i>
Module Learning Aims	<i>The module aims to introduce students to the fundamental concepts and key approaches and methodologies in political psychology</i>
Learning Outcomes	• <i>Describe the key approaches and methods in the field of political psychology,</i> • <i>Compare and critically evaluate the major approaches to attitude formation and organization,</i> • <i>Analyze the underpinnings of group dynamics including obedience, ethnocentrism, xenophobia, and prejudice,</i> • <i>Apply the key political psychology approaches to develop well-informed arguments contemporary political debates in modern democracies.</i>
Indicative Reading / Resources	<i>John T. Jost and Jim Sidanius (Eds.), Political Psychology: Key Readings. Psychology Press.</i>

Assessment	
Assessment Components	<i>In-class assignments 5%, Mid-term essay 35%, Exam 60%</i>
Assessment Details	-

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	<i>None</i>
Co-requisites	<i>None</i>
Any other information	<i>A substantial portion of the module draws on theories, concepts, and research from psychology. The content and readings are therefore relatively psychology-intensive compared with many other politics modules.</i>