

POU44311 — Gender and Politics

Module Information	
Module Code	POU44311
Module Title	Gender and Politics
Department	Political Science
Year Group	Senior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr. Asli Ceren Cinar
Academic Year	2026-2027
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 1
Contact Hours	TBC

Module Content	
Module Description	<i>This module introduces students to the study of gender and politics, encouraging students to critically analyse how gender influences and is shaped by political life. This module explores questions such as: Why women and gender minorities underrepresented in politics? To what extent do voters exhibit gender bias? And how do stereotypes about masculinity and femininity shape political campaigns and leadership? The module also addresses the intersections of gender with other identities, such as race, ethnicity, and sexuality, and covers a broad range of topics. In addition, the module will introduce students to a range of research methodologies used in the field of politics and gender --the students are not required to have prior knowledge of statistics or maths for this module.</i>
Learning Outcomes	<i>By the end of this module, students are expected to:</i> <i>1. Gain a better understanding of how gender shapes political behaviour, political institutions, and political processes.</i> <i>2. Understand the key concepts and theories in the study of gender and politics and have developed knowledge of key findings.</i> <i>3. Be familiar with the various methods through which to study gender and politics.</i>

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	4. <i>Develop critical skills that enable them to assess empirical findings and theories</i>
Indicative Reading / Resources	- Celis, Karin, Johanna Kantola, Georgina Waylen and S. Laurel Weldon. 2013. "Introduction: Gender and Politics: A Gendered World, A Gendered Discipline." In: Waylen et al. (eds) <i>Oxford Handbook of Gender and Politics</i>. Oxford University Press - Mansbridge, J. (1999). <i>Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent "Yes"</i>. <i>The Journal of Politics</i>, 61(3), 628–657. https://doi.org/10.2307/2647821 - Weldon, S. L. (2006). <i>The Structure of Intersectionality: A Comparative Politics of Gender</i>. <i>Politics & Gender</i>, 2(2), 235–248. https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X0623104

Assessment

Assessment Components	<i>Participation 10%, Policy Pitch Presentation 25%, Research Proposal Essay 65%</i>
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Additional Information

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