

POU44603 — Contemporary Political Theory A

Module Information	
Module Code	<i>POU44603</i>
Module Title	<i>Contemporary Political Theory A</i>
Department	<i>Political Science</i>
Year Group	<i>Senior Sophister</i>
Module Personnel	<i>Peter Stone</i>
Academic Year	<i>2026-27</i>
Credit Weighting	<i>5 credits</i>
Semester	<i>Semester 1</i>
Contact Hours	<i>2 hours of classroom time per week</i>

Module Content	
Module Description	<i>This module will introduce students to contemporary debates in political theory, with a focus upon democracy.</i>
Learning Outcomes	<i>Upon completion of this module, it is expected that students should be able to:</i> <i>• Acquired a detailed understanding of some of the principal debates and trends in modern political theory.</i> <i>• Become familiar with the basic concepts of political theory and the problems raised by their application.</i> <i>• Learned the difference between empirical and normative theory, as well as the interrelationship between the two.</i> <i>• Developed skill at constructing, analysing, and critiquing political arguments.</i> <i>• Applied argumentative skill both in the classroom and in written coursework.</i> <i>• Reflected upon the implications of political theory for life outside of the classroom.</i>

Assessment	
Assessment Components	<i>Point Presentation: 15%</i> <i>Short Paper: 25%</i> <i>Final Paper: 60%</i>



Additional Information

Prerequisites

None

Co-requisites

None