



## Politics & Irish Society 2 | POU11022

Year	Junior Fresh
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	2 hours Lecture per week; 1 fortnightly tutorial
Pre-requisite	None
Semester	2
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### Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the module, students should be able to identify the core issues and debates at the heart of political discourse. Students will be able to use a variety of different theoretical and practical approaches to analysing political questions.

### Module Learning Aims

The course has two core learning aims:

1. To provide students with the tools to critically evaluate key topics in political science
2. To enable students to engage with major political issues in Ireland today

### Module Content

There are three main sections in the course.

- In section one, theories of international relations are introduced and the impact of globalization on the sovereignty of states is assessed. Issues such as the use of terror by sub-state actors and questions about the key cleavages in international politics are discussed.



- Section two examines how citizens and social scientists interrogate the world around them. Is it ever possible for human beings to be completely objective? The role of the media in framing political discourse and setting agendas is explored with particular attention focusing on the media in Ireland. We also examine the claim that research by political scientists is 'scientific'.
- In the final part of the course we focus on Irish public policy. In particular we will look at key issues such as housing, public and private debt as well as the debates around economic policy and fiscal management. The many challenges posed to Ireland in the context of Brexit will underpin the content of this part of the course.

### Assessment:

Participation - 10%

Assignment 1 - 20%

Assignment 2 - 20%

Final Essay - 50%

### Recommended Reading List:

TBA