

Module Details	
Module Title:	Politics and Me
Module Code:	SAC3009-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Social Sciences
Subject Area:	Sociology and Criminology
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 3
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	12
Tutorials	12
Directed Study	176

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2 (Feb - May)

Module Aims
You will develop an understanding of the governmental framework within which social policy is made and administered. Whilst concentrating on political structures and processes, some reference is made to contemporary social policy programmes and priorities. To introduce concepts necessary to analyse contemporary society, politics and welfare and to provide a basis for further study.

Outline Syllabus
The structure and machinery of central government in Britain: Prime Minister, Cabinet, Civil Service, Parliament; the workings of local government and the provision of services to the community; the contribution of external actors to the governmental policy-making process: the

European Union (in which, as a member, Britain plays a significant role), political parties, pressure groups, the mass media, the judiciary; an introduction to the main academic debates concerning the contemporary policy process in Britain. Foundations of the welfare state; social policy provision in health, welfare, housing, education and social care. Political parties, governance and the British State. Institutions of, agents of and contributors to the UK policy process. As European Union members the course.

Learning Outcomes

1	a) describe the structure and activities of the main policy-making agencies in the United Kingdom and explain the interaction of these agencies in the construction of policy. b) Identify the central aspects of the UK state and of its political culture.
2	a) discuss the British policy-making process.
3	a) coherently articulate views in written form.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Lectures, seminars and group discussion. As this is a Level 3 module, you will be supported through guided research, and use of news media. Assessment will be through examination and essay.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Examination - closed book	Closed book examination	1.5 hours	50%
Summative	Coursework	Essay of 2000 words based on how the individual is affected by politics	0 hours	50%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.