

## PLSC H7002: Contemporary Irish Politics

Module Details	
Module Code:	PLSC H7002
Full Title:	Contemporary Irish Politics <b>APPROVED</b>
Valid From::	Semester 1 - 2019/20 ( June 2019 )
Language of Instruction:	English
Duration:	1 Semester
Credits::	5
Module Owner::	Eileen Murphy
Departments:	Unknown
Module Description:	Introduce students to the Irish political system to comprehend the actors, institutions and processes involved in public policy formation.

Module Learning Outcome	
On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:	
#	Module Learning Outcome Description
MLO1	Evaluate the historical, cultural and social context of Irish politics
MLO2	Assess the workings of modern politics in the Republic of Ireland, with a particular emphasis on the role of actors and institutions.
MLO3	Analyse modern political events and problems.
MLO4	Explore the implications of multilateralism and interdependence on Ireland as a state and as a member of the EU and the UN
Pre-requisite learning	
<b>Module Recommendations</b> <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is strongly recommended before enrolment in this module. You may enrol in this module if you have not acquired the recommended learning but you will have considerable difficulty in passing (i.e. achieving the learning outcomes of) the module. While the prior learning is expressed as named DkIT module(s) it also allows for learning (in another module or modules) which is equivalent to the learning specified in the named module(s).</i>	
No recommendations listed	

<b>Module Indicative Content</b>
<b>The origins of the Irish state and its legacy</b> Evolution rather than revolution
<b>Society and Political Culture/cleavage/structure</b> Liberalisation and Urbanisation
<b>Dail Deputies and their constituency work</b> An overemphasis ?
<b>The Constitution</b> Does Ireland need a new constitution ?
<b>Main functions of parliament</b> parliamentary powers and their application
<b>The Government: Taoiseach and Cabinet</b> A Westminster model ensures.
<b>The party system and party competition</b> Changes in the Irish political party landscape.
<b>Policy-making</b> An introduction to the policy process
<b>Ireland and International Affairs</b> Ireland and its external environment

Module Assessment	
Assessment Breakdown	%
Course Work	100.00%
Module Special Regulation	

## Assessments

### Full Time On Campus

Course Work			
<b>Assessment Type</b>	Essay	<b>% of Total Mark</b>	50
<b>Marks Out Of</b>	100	<b>Pass Mark</b>	40
<b>Timing</b>	End-of-Semester	<b>Learning Outcome</b>	1,2
<b>Duration in minutes</b>	0		
<b>Assessment Description</b> A 2,000 word essay on a topic relevant to the course content for this module and agreed with lecturer.			
<b>Assessment Type</b>	Presentation	<b>% of Total Mark</b>	20
<b>Marks Out Of</b>	100	<b>Pass Mark</b>	40
<b>Timing</b>	S1 Week 5	<b>Learning Outcome</b>	3
<b>Duration in minutes</b>	15		
<b>Assessment Description</b> Fifteen minute presentation on a watershed political event in contemporary Irish Politics, topic to be agreed with the lecturer in advance.			
<b>Assessment Type</b>	Continuous Assessment	<b>% of Total Mark</b>	30
<b>Marks Out Of</b>	100	<b>Pass Mark</b>	40
<b>Timing</b>	S1 Week 8	<b>Learning Outcome</b>	2,3,4
<b>Duration in minutes</b>	0		
<b>Assessment Description</b> Participation in an online discussion of a political issue of contemporary relevance.			

No Project

No Practical

No Final Examination

### Part Time On Campus

Course Work			
<b>Assessment Type</b>	Essay	<b>% of Total Mark</b>	50
<b>Marks Out Of</b>	100	<b>Pass Mark</b>	40
<b>Timing</b>	End-of-Semester	<b>Learning Outcome</b>	1,2
<b>Duration in minutes</b>	0		
<b>Assessment Description</b> A 2,000 word essay on a topic relevant to the course content for this module and agreed with lecturer.			
<b>Assessment Type</b>	Presentation	<b>% of Total Mark</b>	20
<b>Marks Out Of</b>	100	<b>Pass Mark</b>	40
<b>Timing</b>	S1 Week 5	<b>Learning Outcome</b>	3
<b>Duration in minutes</b>	15		
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### Reassessment Requirement

No repeat examination

*Reassessment of this module will be offered solely on the basis of coursework and a repeat examination will not be offered.*

**Reassessment Description**

A 2,000 word essay on a topic relevant to the course content for this module and agreed with lecturer

## Module Workload

### Workload: Full Time On Campus

<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Contact Type</i>	<i>Workload Description</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Lecture	Contact	No Description	Once per semester	2.00	30
Practical	Contact	No Description	Once per semester	1.00	15
Directed Reading	Non Contact	No Description	Once per semester	2.00	30
Independent Study	Non Contact	No Description	Once per semester	4.00	60
Total Weekly Learner Workload					9.00
Total Weekly Contact Hours					3.00

### Workload: Part Time On Campus

<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Contact Type</i>	<i>Workload Description</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Lecture	Contact	No Description	Every Week	2.00	2
Directed Reading	Non Contact	No Description	Every Week	4.00	4
Independent Study	Non Contact	No Description	Every Week	3.00	3
Total Weekly Learner Workload					9.00
Total Weekly Contact Hours					2.00

## Module Resources

### Recommended Book Resources

Coakley & Gallagher. (2017), Politics in the Republic of Ireland, Seventh. Routledge, [ISBN: 1138119458].  
Gallagher, M & Marsh, M. (2016), How Ireland voted 2016 : the election that nobody won, Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan., [ISBN: 3319408887].  
Weeks, L and Clarke, A {eds}. (2012), Radical or Redundant? Minor Parties in Irish Politics, The History Press.  
McGraw, S. (2017), Fianna Fail and Irish Politics. 1926-2016, Routledge.

### Recommended Article/Paper Resources

PSAI London : Frank Cass Publishers,. (1986), Irish Political Studies.

### Other Resources

Website, [www.oireachtas.ie](http://www.oireachtas.ie).  
Website, [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie).  
Website, [www.politicalreform.ie](http://www.politicalreform.ie).  
Website, [www.politics.ie](http://www.politics.ie).  
Website, [www.kildarestreet.com](http://www.kildarestreet.com).  
Website, [www.finegael.ie](http://www.finegael.ie).  
Website, [www.fiannafail.ie](http://www.fiannafail.ie).  
Website, [www.labour.ie](http://www.labour.ie).  
Website, [www.sinnfein.ie](http://www.sinnfein.ie).  
Website, [www.greenparty.ie](http://www.greenparty.ie).