



## **PARTNERS ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2024**

### **Syllabus for Politics**

#### **Subject Area**

This syllabus is for PARTNERS applicants seeking to progress to the degrees of:

L200, BA Hons Politics

LL21, BA Hons Politics & Economics

L250, BA Hons International Relations

L290, BA Hons Politics & Int. Relations

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#### **Aims**

To allow students to demonstrate their potential to succeed in specified degree programmes by showing a grasp of entry-level subject-specific knowledge, understanding, cognitive and subject-specific skills.

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#### **Learning Outcomes**

A good knowledge and understanding of ...

- Foundational knowledge concerning the study of Politics
- Practical skills concerning research and study skills
- Higher-level cognitive skills concerning the critical assessment of political issues and occurrences

The ability to apply this knowledge and critical understanding to...

- think critically and demonstrate understanding of topics in politics
- form logical and coherent arguments using credible and academically rigorous evidence

Competence in...

- Constructing a reasoned argument, synthesising relevant information, using critical judgement, and communicating effectively both orally and in writing.
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## Summer School Syllabus

1 July 2024 9-10: Politics Welcome: Meet the Politics strand leader and fellow students

1 July 2024 10-12: Lecture 1: What is Politics? This session will introduce students to the study

of politics, focusing on traditional conceptions of politics, what constitutes 'political', followed

by an exploration of the main fields of political study offered at Newcastle.

1 July 2024 1-2: Politics Formative Assessment Overview

1 July 2024 2-3: Library Skills for Politics

1 July 2024 3-4: Apply your skills - Politics group working time

2 July 2024 10-12: Lecture 2: How to 'do' Politics In this session, students will unpack 'how politics is done'. This will include application of the various strands of political study, research methods and approaches, basic statistics, literature searches and reviews, as well as research question framing.

2 July 2024 1-2: Apply your skills - Politics Group Working time

2 July 2024 2-3: Interactive Simulation Game

2 July 2024 3-4: Everything you need to know: Politics Q and A

3 July 2024 1-2: All about Newcastle Politics via Canvas

3 July 2024 2-4: Preparatory reading time for 'In Focus' lectures. Reading options will be found on Canvas.

3 July 2024 2023 4-5: Dr Boyle's live office hour via Zoom

4 July 2024 9-10: Dr Boyle's live office hour via Zoom

4 July 2024 10-11: In Focus lecture L200 on demand Canvas

4 July 2024 11-12: In Focus lecture L250 on demand Canvas

5 July 2024 9-10: Dr Boyle's live office hour via Zoom

5 July 2024 10-11: In Focus lecture L290 on demand Canvas

5 July 2024 11-12: In Focus lecture LL21 on demand Canvas

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## Activities for Personal Study

Students will be expected to read in preparation for sessions and will be expected to engage fully in formative exercises.

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## On-Campus Teaching:

Sunday 30th June (PM), Monday 1st July & Tuesday 2nd July

## Online Teaching:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> (AM only) July

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## **Formative Assessment Details**

Students will be asked to formulate 2 pieces of work:

1. A short piece of writing detailing their most pressing political problem of the day
2. An annotated bibliography of 5 sources that could be used to research their self-identified most pressing problem.

The purpose of these two formative assessments is twofold:

1. To begin to understand the research process in politics using self identified topics
2. To begin to engage with the necessary research techniques required at university level study by utilising, in particular, library resources, searching techniques and summary reading skills.

## **Hand-in Method**

Digital

## **Assessment deadline**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July