

# PO2D0-30 Public Policy for 21st Century Challenges

**21/22**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

22 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

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### Module aims

To introduce students to the analytical tools they need to understand continuity, change and cross-national variation in public policy.

To demonstrate the value of the comparative method in the analysis of public policy.

To provide students with a high-level understanding of the politics behind public policy-making.

To lay the foundations for empirically substantiated and critical evaluation of the actions of governments.

To give students the opportunity to apply theories of public policy and the comparative method to the analysis of contemporary public policy challenges.

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Week 1: Introduction to Comparative Public Policy  
Week 2: The Value of Comparison in Public Policy Analysis  
Week 3: Interests and Public Policy (I) Individuals  
Week 4: Interests and Public Policy (II) Groups  
Week 5: Ideas and Public Policy (I) Normative Beliefs  
Week 6: Reading Week  
Week 7: Ideas and Public Policy (II) Causal Beliefs  
Week 8: Institutions and Public Policy (I) Political Institutions  
Week 9: Institutions and Public Policy (II) Past Policies  
Week 10: Taking stock: Why do governments do what they do?  
Introduction to the second part of the module  
The Challenge of Inequality  
The Challenge of Globalization  
The Challenge of Population Ageing  
The Environmental Challenge  
Reading Week  
Policy Responses to Inequality  
Policy Responses to Globalization  
Policy Responses to Population Ageing  
Environmental Policy Responses

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

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## **Subject specific skills**

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## **Transferable skills**

Communication skills  
Lateral thinking skills  
Skills in the distillation and application of complex information and ideas  
Critical thinking  
Analytical skills  
Independent research skills  
Problem solving  
Time management  
Information Technology  
Skills in academic practice  
Awareness of, and sensitivity to, diversity  
Decision making

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## Study

### Study time

| Type          | Required                   |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Lectures      | 18 sessions of 1 hour (6%) |
| Seminars      | 22 sessions of 1 hour (7%) |
| Private study | 260 hours (87%)            |
| Total         | 300 hours                  |

### Private study description

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### Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A1

|                                     | Weighting | Study time |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 3000 word essay 2<br>assessed essay | 50%       |            |
| 3000 word essay 1<br>assessed essay | 50%       |            |

### Feedback on assessment

Feedback form via Tabula; optional verbal consultation

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 2 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics
- UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of UPOA-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 2 of UPOA-M168 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese
- Year 2 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
  - Year 2 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
  - Year 2 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
  - Year 3 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
- UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 2 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 3 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
- UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 2 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 3 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 2 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 3 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian

This module is Option list C for:

- UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics