

# QS308-15 Public Opinion

**21/22**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 3

**Module leader**

Andreas Murr

**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

The module provides the core concepts and theoretical insights for analysing public opinion and political participation. It provides the theoretical frameworks for understanding the nature of mass beliefs, political participation, value change, elections and parties, social cleavages, partisanship, political attitudes, and political representation.

### Module aims

tbc

### 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.

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### Learning outcomes

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

- Describe and compare the main meanings of public opinion and understand the circumstances that influence which meaning is best.
- Understand and analyse the primary scholarly and political debates about public opinion throughout history up to the present day.
- Distinguish and appraise the key theories of public opinion.
- Know the basic methods to measure and analyse public opinion and understand their merits and limits.
- Communicate, interpret, and evaluate scholarly and professional studies of public opinion.

## Indicative reading list

tbc

## Subject specific skills

tbc

## Transferable skills

tbc

## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Private study	132 hours (88%)
Total	150 hours

### Private study description

tbc

### Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

## Assessment group A1

	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Study time</b>	<b>Eligible for self-certification</b>
<b>Assessment component</b>			
3000 word essay	100%		Yes (extension)
Reassessment component is the same			

## Feedback on assessment

tbc

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Optional for:

- Year 3 of USOA-L301 BA in Sociology
- Year 4 of USOA-L306 BA in Sociology (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 4 of UECA-4 Undergraduate Economics 4 Year Variants
- Year 3 of UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
- UHIA-VM14 Undergraduate History and Politics (with Year Abroad and a term in Venice)
  - Year 3 of VM14 History and Politics (with Year Abroad and a term in Venice)
  - Year 4 of VM14 History and Politics (with Year Abroad and a term in Venice)
- Year 3 of UHIA-VM13 Undergraduate History and Politics (with a term in Venice)
- Year 3 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics
- Year 4 of UPOA-M101 Undergraduate Politics (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
- Year 3 of UPOA-M162 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods
- Year 3 of USOA-L314 Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 3 of UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies
- Year 4 of UPOA-M16B Undergraduate Politics and International Studies (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 3 of UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
- Year 4 of UHIA-VM12 Undergraduate History and Politics (with Year Abroad)