

# PO241-15 Gender Matters in Politics and International Studies

**22/23**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**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

This module is for students who wish to learn more about feminist approaches and gender studies and to see how 'gender matters' to all areas of study in politics and international studies.

### Module aims

The aim of this module is to provide students with an introduction to feminist and gender studies approaches to the study of politics and international studies. Specifically, the module will ask students to consider what a 'gender lens' brings to the four key areas of teaching and research expertise in PAIS – namely, political theory, comparative politics, international security and international political economy. The module thus aims to provide a comprehensive introduction to feminist theory and gender studies in PAIS. There is growing interest amongst young people in feminism and gender studies with certain commentators claiming that we are entering a 'fourth wave' of feminism witnessed in online spaces such as the 'everyday sexism project' or recent campaigns around sexual violence, austerity and women's rights. There is also a growing recognition of the significance of gender within key international political institutions such as the UN Security Council, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. This module is therefore timely and will seek to situate contemporary feminist debates and arguments within a

longer history of feminist theory and gender studies in politics and international studies. The module provides an opportunity for students to gain exposure to a growing body of scholarly research on gender and PAIS. A growth that is witnessed in the department's own expanding research strengths in gender studies and feminism.

## 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:

- Understand how to relate feminist theories and gender studies to their studies in PAIS as a whole.
- Have an advanced knowledge of empirical examples of how gender matters in politics and international studies
- Have developed their critical thinking skills in order to evaluate competing feminist theoretical perspectives
- Have developed written and verbal presentation skills, and research skills.

## Indicative reading list

tbc

## Subject specific skills

tbc

## Transferable skills

tbc

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## 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.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time
500 word book review	20%	
2500 word essay	80%	

### Feedback on assessment

tbc

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
  - Year 2 of L100 Economics
  - Year 2 of L100 Economics
  - Year 2 of L100 Economics
- 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-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)
- Year 2 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- Year 2 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
- Year 2 of UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
- Year 2 of UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- Year 2 of UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian

This module is Option list D 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
- Year 2 of UHIA-VM13 Undergraduate History and Politics (with a term in Venice)