BSC (HONS) (GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL SCIENCE) - CK122 (FOR STUDENTS WHO ENTERED FROM 2019/20 ONWARDS)

Overview

NFQ Level 8, Major Award

Commencing in 2019/20 the BSc (Hons) (Government and Political Science) will replace the BSc (Hons) (Government) (https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/bscgov/) degree. This will be implemented on a phased basis starting with First Years in 2019/20. Students who entered before 2019/20 will continue on the BSc (Hons) Government degree.

First Year - Government and Political Science Elective Modules

Students may be asked to indicate preferences for selection of elective modules for Second, Third and Fourth Years prior to the end of their First, Second and Third Years respectively.

Second Year - Government and Political Science

No student may register for the Second Year programme of study until the First University Examination in Government has been passed. Second Year consists of core modules to the value of **50** credits, and elective modules to the value of **10** credits. To be admitted to the Second University Examination in Government and Political Science, a student must have satisfactorily attended modules to the value of **60** credits.

Third Year - Government and Political Science

No student may register for the Third Year programme of study until the Second University Examination in Government and Political Science has been passed. Year 3 consists of core modules to the value of **30** credits (**15 credits for Albany Pathway**), elective modules to the value of **20** credits (**15 credits for Albany Pathway**) and a Work Placement module to the value of 10 credits. To be admitted to the Third University Examination in Government and Political Science, a student must have satisfactorily attended taught modules, to the value of **50** credits.

The programme requirements for Albany Pathway students are set out below.

Note: The Third University Examination in Government and Political Science will be undertaken in March/April to allow students undertake Work Placement (GV3102 Work Placement).

Students may not select a language module where there is a timetable clash with core modules, or which has already been taken at the same level in a previous year.

Albany Pathway
Albany Pathway students take modules to the value of 30 credits in Semester 1 (15 credits of core modules and 15 credits from elective modules) and 20 credits in Semester 2 in their assigned college/university in New York plus

the Work Placement module to the value of 10 credits in the New York State Assembly in Albany, New York.

Note: For Albany Pathway students the Third University Examination in Government and Political Science will be undertaken in December (or through continuous assessment in Semester 1) to allow students undertake Work Placement (GV3401 Government Placement New York State Assembly) in the New York State Assembly in Albany, New York and GV3402 US State Government & Legislative Studies (20 credits) in their assigned college/ university in New York.

GV3102 Work Placement
After the Third University Examination, students must also undertake a 12-week period of work placement (*GV3102 Work Placement* - 10 credits). The Placement module shall be assessed on a pass/fail basis, and must be passed in order to graduate with Honours. Attaining the requisite competencies standard shall be considered a pass; failure to meet the requisite competencies standard shall be considered a fail. (Full details of the placement are contained in "Placement Policy and Procedures for the BSc (Hons) in Government and Political Science" which is available, on request, from the Department of Government and Politics).

Study Year Abroad

Students may, on the approval of the BSc Government and Political Science Board of Studies, spend third year pursuing an approved programme of study in a university outside of Ireland. Programmes taken will be validated by the host institution. Students will be asked to complete a workload either (a) broadly equivalent to 60 ECTS credits at the host institution or (b) broadly equivalent to 50 ECTS at the host institution together with GV3102 Work Placement. The workload should be at a broadly equivalent level to the UCC BSc Government and Political Science III.

Fourth Year - Government and Political Science

No student may register for the Fourth Year programme of study until the Third University Examination in Government and Political Science has been passed. In Fourth Year, students take modules to the value of **60** credits in total. At least **40** credits of GV modules must be taken which includes 20 credits of core modules plus a minimum of 20 credits of GV electives. To be admitted to the BSc (Hons) Government and Political Science Degree Examination, a student must have satisfactorily attended modules to the value of **60** credits.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**50** credits) and **10** credits of elective modules:		
Core Modules		
GV1202	Politics of the European Union	5
GV1204	Democracy, Ideology and Utopia	5
GV1207	Politics and Government of Ireland	5
GV1215	Local Government and Politics of Ireland	5
GV1216	Analytical Thinking Skills in Political Science	5
GV1217	Introduction to Political Science	5
GV1218	International Politics	5

LW1316	Public Law	5
MG1010	Public and Private Management	5
SS1302	Social Policy Analysis	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **10** credits from the following:		10
AC1100	Introduction to Accounting ()	
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I (10)	
EC1203	Macroeconomic Context and Business (5)	
FE1024	Introduction to Development Economics (5)	
FE1400	Local Development and Public Health (5)	
FR0105	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners (5) [1]	
FR1005	French for Near Beginners (5) [2]	
FR1105	Threshold French (5)	
FR1107	French for Reading Purposes I (5)	
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt (10)	
GE0003 *plus* GE0004	German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 1 (5) *plus* German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 2 () [3]	
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)	
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)	
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (10)	
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (10)	
IS1106	Introduction to Information Systems (5)	
IS1107	Information Systems for the Networked Enterprise (5)	
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian (10) [4]	
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian (10) [5]	
MG1004	Principles of Management and Organization (5)	

Year 2

Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**50** credits) and **10** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

EC1202	Economic Reasoning for Business	5
GV2008	Political Corruption: Concepts	5
GV2218	European Government and Politics	5
GV2229	Citizen Participation	5
GV2230	Public Management Concepts	5
GV2231	Public Management in Practice	5
GV2235	Policy Making in the European Union	5
GV2240	International Security	5
GV2241	Elections and Voting	5
LW2002	Public Law II	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **10** credits from the following:		10
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I (10)	
CH2000	An Introduction to Business in China ()	
EH2008	Introduction to Theories and Practices of Health Promotion (5)	
EH2009	Public Health Issues (5)	
FE2203	Food Economics (5)	
GV3219	International Relations of Asia (5)	
LW2100	Constitutional and Institutional Law of the European Union (5)	

LW2102	Economic Law of the European Union (5)
MG1003	Introduction to Marketing (5)
SS3009	Communities, Activism and Development (5)
SS3011	Youth Policy and Practice (5)
FR0105 *plus* FR1005	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners (10) *plus* French for Near Beginners () [1,2]
FR1105 *plus* FR1107	Threshold French (10) *plus* French for Reading Purposes I ()
FR2105 *plus* FR2107	Towards Vantage French (10) *plus* French for Reading Purposes II ()
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt (10)
GA2001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge I (10)
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)
GE2101	Integrated German Language Course (10) [7]
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (10)
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (10)
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian (10) [4]
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian (10) [5]
IT2101	Intermediate Italian Language (10)

Year 3

Core Modules

Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**40** credits) and **20** credits of elective modules:

GV3206	Politics in Northern Ireland	5
GV3210	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	5
GV3212	Global Political Economy - Trade	5
GV3215	Politics of the United States of America	5
GV3217	Global Political Economy - Finance	5
GV3226	Political Science Methods and Methodology	5

Work Placement

GV3102	Work Placement [6]	10

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **20** credits from the following:		20
EC3007	Growth and Development in a Global Economy (5)	
FE3010	Gender and Development (5)	
FE3014	Sustainable Development: Environment, Economy and Society (5)	
GV3109	Climate Assemblies (5)	
GV3216	Contemporary Ecological and Anti-Capitalist Politics (5)	
GV3220	Chinese Politics (5)	
GV3408	The Irish Planning System (5)	
MG3012	Enterprise and Innovation (5)	
MG3021	Market Research (5)	
PA3204	Policy Issues in Social Markets (5)	
SC3004	The Sociology of Community (5)	

or 10 credits from the above list of electives and 10 credits of language modules from the following:

CH3020	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (5)
GE0104	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)
GE0105	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)

Albany Pathway

Core Modules

GV3212	Global Political Economy - Trade	5
GV3215	Politics of the United States of America	5
GV3226	Political Science Methods and Methodology	5
GV3401	Government Placement New York State Assembly	10
GV3402	US State Government & Legislative Studies	20

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **15** credits from the following (students can only select elective modules taught in Semester 1):	15

FE3014	Sustainable Development: Environment, Economy and Society (5)
GV3109	Climate Assemblies (5)
GV3216	Contemporary Ecological and Anti-Capitalist Politics (5)
MG3012	Enterprise and Innovation (5)
MG3021	Market Research (5)
SC3004	The Sociology of Community (5)

Year 4

Students take **60** credits as follows − all listed core modules (**20** credits) and **40** credits of elective modules, which must include at least 20 credits of GV modules:

Core Modules

GV4202	Government Research Dissertation	10
GV4414	Contemporary Debates in Ireland	5
GV4415	Contemporary Debates in the EU	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **40** credits from the following, of which 20 credits must be made up of either GV or PO modules, or a combination of both subjects.	40

EC3127	Economics and the Labour Market (5)
EC3135	Health Economics: The Role of Public Policy (5)
EC3156	Environmental Economics: The Problem of Climate Change (5)
EH4005	Health Services (5)
FE4005	Advanced Programme Planning and Policy Processes (5)
FE4414	Co-operative Banking (5)
GV4401	Global Governance (5)
GV4409	Political Ideologies and Social Change (5)
GV4410	Democracy: Theories and Innovations (5)
GV4412	Public Finance - Theory and Practice (5)
GV4416	European Security (5)
MG2001	People and Organisation (5)
MG2008	Business Ethics and Governance (5)
PO3005	Issues in Irish Politics (5)
SC2004	Sociology of Politics, Power, and Ideology (5)
SC3029	Sociology of the Environment (5)
AS1501	Japanese Language Level 1 (10)
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I (10)
CH3021	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (10)
FR0105 *plus* FR1005	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners (5) *plus* French for Near Beginners () [1,2]
FR1105 *plus* FR1107	Threshold French (5) *plus* French for Reading Purposes I ()

FR2105 *plus* FR2107	Towards Vantage French (5) *plus* French for Reading Purposes II ()
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt (10)
GA2001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge I (10)
GA3001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge (10)
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)
GE2101	Integrated German Language Course (10) [7]
GE3101	Advanced Integrated German Language Course (10) [8]
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (10)
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (10)
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian (10) [4]
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian (10) [5]
IT2101	Intermediate Italian Language (10)
IT3101	Advanced Italian Language (10)

[1] FR0105 Introduction to French : Complete Beginners may only be taken by complete beginners.

[2] FR1005 French for Near Beginners may not be taken by students who have studied French to LC level.

[3] GE0003 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 1 and GE0004 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 2 must be taken together.

[4] IT1102 Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian Students wishing to take IT1102 Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian are recommended to have Leaving Certificate or equivalent in Italian or Common European Framework level A1.

[5] IT1109 Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian - Students wishing to take IT1109 Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian are recommended to have a minimum of Grade H4 in another modern continental language, or Irish, Latin or Greek in the Leaving Certificate Examination (or equivalent).

[6] After the Third University Examination, students must also undertake a 12-week period of work placement (GV3102 Work Placement - 10 credits). The Placement module shall be assessed on a pass/fail basis, and must be passed in order to graduate with Honours. Attaining the requisite competencies standard shall be considered a pass; failure to meet the requisite competencies standard shall be considered a fail. (Full details of the placement are contained in "Placement Policy and Procedures for the BSc (Hons) in Government and Political Science" which is available, on request, from the Department of Government and Politics).

[7] GE2101 Integrated German Language Course is only available to students who have previously taken GE0005 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) and GE0008 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2)

[8] GE3101 Advanced Integrated German Language Course is only available to students who have previously taken GE0005 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1), GE0008 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) and GE2101 Integrated German Language Course.

Note: The following conditions apply to Language modules:

- ***Students may not select a language module where there is a timetable clash with core modules, or which has already been taken at the same level in a previous year.***
- **GA and Language modules** - the level at which a student is permitted to take a particular GA or language module will be determined by an assessment carried out at the start of the first Semester, by Roinn

na Nua-Ghaeilge in the case of GA coded modules, and the relevant Department in the case of other language modules.

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules.*

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for the BSc (Hons) Government and Political Science (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Identify political issues at local, national, European and global levels;
- Formulate problems based on the identification of weaknesses;
- Propose potential solutions to the problems raised;
- Assess the interdependence between the public and private sectors;
- Analyse the impact of politics on the world of business;
- Apply private sector management techniques to the public sector;
- Evaluate the benefit of the work placement experience;
- Contribute to debates on the issues shaping democratic development at local, national, European and global levels.