

## Nottingham Trent University

### Module Specification

Basic module information		
1	Module Title:	Great Political Thinkers: from Plato to Rawls
2	Module Code:	POLS20313
3	Credit Points:	20
4	Duration:	Half-Year
5	School:	Arts and Humanities/Social Sciences
6	Campus:	Clifton
7	Date:	September 2017

#### 8 Pre, Post and Co-requisites:

These are modules that you must have studied previously in order to take this module, or modules that you must study simultaneously or in a subsequent academic session

Pre, Co, Post      Module Code      Module Title

#### 9 Courses containing the module

<u>Level</u>	<u>Core/Option</u>	<u>Mode</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
5	Option	FT		BA Joint Honours Humanities
5	Option	PT		BA Joint Honours Humanities
		FT	EURX003	European Exchange (Full year)
		FT	EURX001	European Exchange (First half year)
		FT	INTX003	International Exchange (Full year)
		FT	INTX001	International Exchange (First half year)

#### 10 Overview and Aims

- To introduce students to a selection of major texts in Western political thought.
- To develop skills in textual and contextual analysis of political concepts.
- To identify and discuss a variety of textual interpretations.
- To relate the texts to political ideologies.

#### 11 Module Content

The study of a selection of major texts of Western Political thought including: Socrates/ Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Wollstonecraft, JS Mill, Marx, Rawls.

**12 Indicative Reading**

- Bhargava, R. ( 2012). *What is Political Theory and Why Do We Need It?* (Oxford: OUP).
- Plamenatz, J. (2012). *Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Rousseau* (Oxford: OUP).
- Boucher, D & Kelly, P. (2009) *Political Thinkers: from Socrates to the present*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Oxford: OUP).
- Hampsher -Monk, I. (2003) *A History of Political Thought* (Oxford: Blackwell).
- Morrow, J. ( 1997) *History of political Thought*. (Basingstoke: Macmillan).
- Mushamp, D. (1986) *Political Thinkers* (Basingstoke: Macmillan).

Plus relevant primary texts utilising the Cambridge texts in the History of Political Thought series.

**13 Learning outcomes**

Learning outcomes describe what you should know and be able to do by the end of the module

Knowledge and understanding. After studying this module you should be able to:

1. Identify and analyse key political thinkers and their texts in the development of political thought.
2. Have an understanding of the significance of context when considering political thought.
3. Draw upon a variety of interpretations when considering great political thinkers.
4. Consider the relationship between political theory and doctrine.

Skills, qualities and attributes. After studying this module you should be able to:

1. Analyse textual material.
2. Undertake independent critical analysis.
3. Work independently.
4. Plan work and use time effectively.

**14 Teaching and Learning**

*Range of modes of direct contact*

This indicates the range of direct contact teaching and learning methods used on this module, e.g. lectures, seminars

Weekly two-hour lecture and weekly seminar	
Total contact hours:	39
<i>Range of other learning methods</i> This indicates the range of other teaching and learning methods used on this module, e.g. directed reading, research	
Directed reading	
Total non-contact hours:	161

<b>15 Assessment methods</b>								
This indicates the type and weighting of assessment elements in the module								
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<b>Diagnostic/ formative assessment</b>								
This indicates if there are any assessments that do not contribute directly to the final module mark								
Weekly directed reading and class based questions and feedback.								
<b>Further information on assessment</b>								
This section provides further information on the module's assessment where appropriate								

<b>Document Management</b>	
16	Module Title: Great Political Thinkers: from Plato to Rawls
17	Module Code: POLS20313
18	Subject (JACS) Code L200

19	Cost Centre	128	
20	School:	Social Sciences	
21	Academic Team	PAS	
22	Campus	Clifton	
23	Other institutions providing teaching	<i>Please complete in box 23 a-d - if applicable</i>	
		Institution	%
23a	Other UK Higher Education or Further Education Institution- Please name Percentage not taught by NTU		
23b	Other public organisation in the UK- Percentage not taught by NTU		
23c	Other private organisation in the UK - Percentage not taught by NTU		
23d	Any other Non-UK organisation - Percentage not taught by NTU		
24	Date of approval:	January 2017	