Overview of the module selection process

Step 1: Choose Modules

- Affiliate students must take modules to the value of 2.0 units per term. This means if you are a full year Affiliate, you will select 4.0 units. If you are here for only term 1, you will take 2.0 units. When selecting modules, please make sure you are going to be at UCL when this module is running (i.e. do not select a Term 2 module if you are only here in Term 1). 0.5 unit modules are equal to 7.5 ECTS. 1.0 unit modules are equal to 15 ECTS.

- You should take at least one ESPS module per term (or one year-long ESPS module) adding to 1.0cu, and are very welcome to take more.

- **Term 1 only affiliates:**
  If the course you want to take is assessed by assessed essay plus examination you should register for the ancillary module which is denoted by the letter A at the end of the module code, eg ESPS1001A, ESPS2301A.

- **Term 2 only affiliates:**
  If the course you are taking is a full unit course taught over two terms you must register for the ancillary module, eg ESPS1001B, ESPS2301B.

- **Full year affiliates** should register on the parent module code of modules selected, eg ESPS1001, ESPS2301.

- Please note that availability cannot be guaranteed for any modules, and admission to any given module is at the discretion of the teaching department.

Step 2: Create a Clash Free Timetable

Once you have decided which units you would like to take, you must then check the UCL Common Timetable online to identify timetabling clashes, if any, and choose alternative modules as appropriate. You are responsible for creating a clash free timetable that will allow you to attend all the modules you have selected. If you have a clash between modules, you must choose another module.

The Common Timetable will always have the most up-to-date information on when a module is being taught. Departmental websites linked to below may on occasion be out of date; in such cases information found on the Common Timetable should be preferred.

The Custom Timetable Generator is the most appropriate tool for you to use.

- Go to [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/timetable](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/timetable)

- Click on ‘Custom’ and then click on ‘Click to start’.

- Click on ‘Switch Module Info’ (above the search box on the right-hand side of the screen) so that ‘enter module name’ becomes ‘enter module code’.
Now you can begin to build your own custom timetable.

- Enter the module code into this search box (e.g. ESPS1001) and click on ‘Search’. Results for the module code you searched will appear below the search boxes.

- Click on the module code or module name to select it. The selected module will appear below the search results under the heading ‘Final module list’.

- Repeat the process of searching for a module code and adding the module to this ‘Final module list’ until you have added modules to the value of 4.0 units (or 2.0 for one term Affiliates). The total number of units you have selected is listed toward the bottom of the screen on the right-hand side.

- Once you have added all of your preferred modules to the ‘Final module list’, click on ‘Create Timetable’ (toward the bottom of the screen on the left-hand side).

Use the resulting timetable to identify any clashes, i.e. occurrences of different modules meeting at the same time. It will very likely initially look like you have multiple clashes. Please keep the following points in mind:

- Each entry on the timetable lists the module type (e.g. seminar, lecture, tutorials, or arts faculty core module), module code and module name, lecturer, room, week numbers, and (if applicable) the small group name. There may be instances of particular modules being listed more than once at the same time on the same day. These are not clashes. This happens when some detail of the module varies, such as the term or week number, room, or lecturer (e.g. ESPS1001).

- UCL’s Common Timetable refers to weeks throughout the academic year by week number. Term 1 is comprised of weeks 6-10 and 11-16, and that Term 2 is comprised of weeks 20-24 and 26-30. If different modules are listed twice at the same time but with different week numbers, it is not a clash.

- Several modules, including ESPS1001, meet partially or entirely in small groups. Such small group meetings are noted on the timetable in various ways, such as ‘GRAMA’, ‘ORALB’, ‘SEM1’, ‘TRANS’, ‘TUT2’, etc. If such a note is present, it will be listed following the week numbers. If small groups for different modules meet at the same time, it is not a clash if there is another small group meeting for one of the modules which fits your timetable. You will be automatically allocated a small group meeting that fits your timetable by Portico.

**Step 3: Notify ESPS of your Selections**

Once you have created an appropriate, clash free timetable, you must e-mail Andrew with the ESPS modules you wish to do.

**Step 4: Register your Selections in Portico**

Once you have enrolled at UCL, but not before, you will be able to formally register your selections on UCL’s online system, called Portico. Some departments allocate places in modules based on a first come first served basis so it is in your interests to submit your selections on Portico as soon as possible. Revise your selections in Portico and check the resulting personal timetable on the Common Timetable until you are satisfied with your selections. Once you are, you must ‘submit’ and ‘confirm’ your selections. You must remember to do this, as teaching departments and ESPS will be unable to approve or reject your selections until they are confirmed, preventing us from allotting your spaces in modules.

**Step 5: Teaching Department Approval**

After you register your module selections in Portico, each teaching department will approve or reject your admission to its modules. Note that in addition to registering in Portico, various departments have different steps you will need to follow in the first week of term 1. A list will be made available to you by ESPS. Therefore you must be sure to meet any requirements (departmental registration requirements, prerequisite coursework, etc.) set by individual departments in order to gain access to the modules you wish. If you receive an email telling you
that you have been rejected from a module you must email Andrew King with the module code you have been rejected from and the module code of the class you want to replace it with.

**Step 6: ESPS Approval**

Admission to modules is at the discretion of the teaching department, but your choices must be in line with any requirements that your home university has set for you. Following approval by the teaching departments, ESPS will approve or reject your module selections. It is only once this has happened that your place on a module is confirmed.

**Step 7: Changing Modules once you have confirmed them on Portico**

Once you have confirmed your selections on Portico, you will not be able to change them yourself. You must email Andrew King (andrew.k@ucl.ac.uk) with the module code you want to drop and the module code of the class you want to replace it with.

- **UCL Portico Module Directory (all modules):** [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/portico](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/portico)

- **Links to all UCL departmental websites:** [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/departments/a-z/](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/departments/a-z/)

**Departmental Module and Contact Information**

For the most up to date **details of module content, timetable, means of assessment etc.**, please consult departmental webpages, or the **Module Directory** pages of UCL’s Student Information Service, **Portico**. Website addresses and departmental contact details are given below.

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**ESPS Modules Offered 2016-17**

**ESPS1001 Introduction to European History, Law, Politics and Philosophy**
This is the first-year core module, compulsory for all First Year ESPS students, giving an introduction to concepts and theories central to the understanding of modern European politics, history and thought. The module is divided into seven main sections.
- Political Science I: explores the key issues, concepts & problems in Politics (Prof Marlière)
- Law: focuses on general principles of law and the foundations of EU law (Dr Spano)
- History I: History of Political Thought (tbc)
- Political Science II: Challenges to the State in World Politics (Dr Bakke)
- History II: Explaining Modernity (Dr Kuldkepp)
- Political Science III: Political Economy (Dr Kappe)
- Philosophy: is concerned with philosophical problems in European thought (Dr Stern).

Guest lectures from other disciplines, and classes on essay and examination writing, will also be given. Lectures are supported by weekly back-up classes, in which students discuss ideas and arguments raised in the lectures and in a weekly set reading.

**Available to:** ESPS First Years, ESPS Affiliates, and students from other departments. Students not taking an ESPS degree should note the disciplinary range of this module.

**Module value:** 1.0 unit

**Duration:** Two terms

**Teaching structure:** 1 one-hour lecture, 1 one-hour seminar, and 1 one-hour tutorial. All parts of the course are
compulsory and attendance is monitored.

Workload: one practice essay and one assessed essay; weekly seminar reading (available on Moodle) and one seminar presentation

Assessment: 1 unseen three-hour written exam (75%), 1 assessed essay of 2,500 words (25%)

ESPS2101 European Integration in Historical Perspective

This course examines differing conceptions of Europe, the history of the EEC and EU, and the attitudes of individual states to the process of European integration. It covers topics such as war and reconstruction, planning and liberalization in post-war economies, and Europe's relationship with both East and West.

Available to: First Years, Second Years and Affiliates
Module value: 0.5 unit
Convenor: Professor Mark Hewitson
Duration: One term (Term 2)
Teaching structure: Lecture and seminar
Assessment: 1 unseen two-hour written exam (50%), 1 assessed essay of 2,500 words (50%)

ESPS2104 International Relations Theories

The course introduces students to the major theoretical traditions in International Relations—Realism, Liberalism, Marxism, Constructivism, and Feminism—and uses these different theories to address historical and current events in world politics. The course aims to link theory and the "real world," by providing the students with different lenses for understanding and explaining questions related to wars, nuclear weapons, terrorism, globalization and free trade.

Available to: All Years and Affiliates. Note on Registration: this is the same module as POLS6010. ESPS students should register on ESPS2104, all non-ESPS students should apply for POLS6010 through the Department of Political Science.
Module value: 0.5 unit
Convenor: Dr Kristin M. Bakke
Duration: One term (Term 1)
Teaching structure: 1 one-hour lecture, 1 one-hour seminar
Assessment: 2 assessed essays of 2,000 words each (40% and 60% respectively)

ESPS2301 EU Law

This course aims to provide students with a very good grounding in the foundational doctrines of European Union (EU) Law. The first part of the course will focus both on the institutional and constitutional law of the EU and in particular on the processes of political and administrative decision-making, legislation and adjudication. The second part of the course will examine aspects of substantive EU Law in relation to the creation of the Internal Market and the 'Four Freedoms' regarding the movement of goods, persons, services and capital.

Available to: All years and Affiliates
Module value: 1.0 unit
Convenor: Dr Alessandro Spano
Duration: Two terms
Teaching structure: 1 two-hour seminar
Assessment: 1 unseen three-hour written exam (90%), 1 practical exercise of 1,500 words (10%)

ESPS2302 Principles of Public International Law

This course shall provide an introduction to the subject of public international law. It shall address the background, subjects and sources of international law: states and international organizations as subjects of international law; state jurisdiction over individuals, land, water and outer space; state responsibility for violations of international law; state and diplomatic immunities; the system of the United Nations; and lawful use of force. During classes, current affairs will be discussed and analyzed.
Available to: All years and Affiliates
Module value: 1.0 unit
Convenor: Dr Alessandro Spano
Duration: Two terms
Teaching structure: 1 two-hour seminar
Assessment: 1 unseen three-hour written exam (90%), 1 practical exercise of 1,500 words (10%)

ESPS2303 Law and Governance in Contemporary China
The module shall focus primarily on the study and understanding of Chinese law and system of governance as found in the People’s Republic of China since 1979. The module shall examine, *inter alia*, the evolution and the main features of China’s legal system and *sui generis* system of governance, sources of law, law making and court system, and the role of law in China’s economic development. The module shall also examine selected key areas including, constitutional law, legal institutions, business law and competition law. During classes, current affairs will be discussed and analysed. All readings will be in English. The module presumes no prior knowledge of Chinese language, however, students may be expected to familiarise with Chinese legal terms.

Available to: All years and Affiliates
Module value: 0.5cu
Convenor: Dr Alessandro Spano
Duration: One Term (term 2)
Teaching structure: 1 two-hour seminar
Assessment: 1 assessed essay of 4000 words

ESPS4202 Hegel
The course will be devoted to the philosophy of G W F Hegel, among the most influential figures in the history of philosophy. The course is aimed at students who have not studied Hegel before, though some background in philosophy is required in order to meet the demands of the course. While individual topics may vary, the aim is to offer an overview of Hegel's thought, including his metaphysics, his practical philosophy and his aesthetics. We will also look at some of the major and influential themes of Hegel’s philosophy, which may include: the master/slave dialectic; the end of art; his philosophy of history; his account of the role of the state. Reading will be selected from, amongst others, the *Encyclopaedia, The Phenomenology of Spirit, Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, the *Introductory Lectures on Aesthetics*. We will also look at relevant source material and at contemporary scholarship and criticism. By the end of the course, students will be expected to have a sound knowledge of this difficult and important philosopher.

Available to: Second Years, Finalists and Affiliates
Module value: 0.5cu
Convenor: Dr Tom Stern
Duration: One Term (term 2)
Teaching structure: 1 two-hour seminar
Assessment: 1 assessed essay of 3000-4000 words

ESPS6101 Political Economy
The goal of this course is to familiarize students with important concepts and models in Political Economy. The course starts with basic ideas about social organization: why live in an organized state, cooperation, collective action and the provision of public goods and then focuses on problems of social choice, and provides an introduction to spatial models of political competition followed by fundamental ideas about institutions and institutional change. After these foundations, the focus shifts towards democratic institutions with a quick tour through basic ideas and problems of legislative organization, intergovernmental relations, veto player theory and an analysis of electoral rules and party systems. The last part looks at problems of delegation and the interplay of politics and the macro-economy on the national and international level.

Available to: All Years and Affiliates.
Module value: 0.5 unit
Convenor: Dr Roland Kappe
Duration: One term (Term 2)
**Teaching structure:** 1 one-hour lecture, 1 one-hour seminar  
**Assessment:** 1 assessed essay of 3,000-4,000 words (100%)

**ESPS7101 German Political and Social Thought**  
This course looks at ways in which German thinkers such as Marx, Weber and Habermas have explained the distribution and exercise of power in modern societies and how they have approached the question of political domination and representation.

**Available to:** Second Years, Final Years and Affiliates  
**Module value:** 0.5 unit  
**Convenor:** Professor Mark Hewitson  
**Duration:** One term (Term 1)  
**Teaching structure:** 1 two-hour seminar  
**Assessment:** 1 unseen two-hour written exam (50%), 1 assessed essay of 2,500 words (50%)

**ESPS7104 Ideologies and Political Hegemony**  
This is a final year option for students who are interested in political ideas and who wish to understand how those ideas are born and shape political conducts, or influence paradigmatic shifts in the domain of policy making.

This course starts from two basic propositions: firstly, the notion of a post-ideological society is a false one, and ideologies remain important to political action. Secondly, the traditional model of political ideologies, which saw them arranged on a map running from Left to Right, is no longer adequate as a framework for understanding politics today. Traditional ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism and socialism need to be re-examined in a new light.

The discussion builds upon two concepts for understanding the paradigmatic changes in today's world: ideological hegemony, and resistances to those dominant ideas which can take very different forms. Has the hegemony of neoliberalism been undermined by the recent financial crisis in capitalist economies?

New ideologies are in turn presented and studied: Green politics, feminism and gender politics as well as populism. Some directly challenge traditional ideologies; others overlap or simply complement them.

**Available to:** Final Years and Affiliates  
**Module value:** 0.5 unit  
**Convenor:** Prof Philippe Marlière  
**Duration:** One term (Term 1)  
**Teaching structure:** 1 two-hour seminar  
**Assessment:** 1 unseen two-hour written exam (70%), 1 assessed essay of 2,500 words (30%)

**ESPS7106 Republicanism and Identity Politics in France Today**  
The course questions the uses and meaning of the notion of republic in France today: from the radical left to the far right, most political forces and politicians refer to the sacrosanct notion of ‘republic’ and to its central pillar ‘laïcité’ (which implements the separation of the church and the state). It concentrates on the emergence of a new interpretation of republicanism: this new take on the notion shapes an unofficial definition of ‘Frenchness’ which is exclusive and communitarian, and which departs from the inclusive and universal conception of its origins. Why has the new republican ‘narrative’ been adopted by a majority of political parties, such as the Parti Socialiste, Les Républicains and the Front National? This topic is discussed in relation to current underlying political issues in France such as terrorism, François Hollande’s presidency, the rise of the Front National and Islamophobia.

**Available to:** Final Years and Affiliates  
**Module value:** 0.5 unit  
**Convenor:** Prof Philippe Marlière  
**Duration:** One term (Term 2)
ESPS7209 Nietzsche
The course is concerned with the philosophical theories of the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. Students will read a selection of Nietzsche’s work as well as relevant secondary commentary and criticism. Students will be expected to articulate clearly and evaluate critically Nietzsche’s ideas on a variety of topics.

Available to: Second Years, Final Years and Affiliates
Module value: 0.5 unit
Convenor: Professor Mark Kalderon
Duration: One term (Term 1)
Teaching structure: 1 one-hour lecture, 1 one-hour seminar
Assessment: 1 assessed essay of 3,000-4,000 words (100%)
theories about war and peace from early modern to modern times. Please note that this course focuses on the theories developed in the early modern period and is NOT a course on IR.

**Course value:** 0.5 unit  
**Convenor:** tbc  
**Duration:** One term (term 1)  
**Teaching structure:** Two-hour seminar  
**Assessment:** 1 assessed essay of 5,000 words (100%)  
**Available to:** Second Years, Final Years, and Affiliates

**ESPS7402 Political Theories of Self-Government**

This course is designed for students who specialise in History, Philosophy or Politics. The discourses about political participation, the relation between the individual and the state and the legitimacy of state power are as old as human forms of civilisation.

We will engage in the writings about republicanism which will cover the development of the main theories leading to the current debate about democracy in Europe and the issue of a European constitution.

**Course value:** 0.5 unit  
**Convenor:** tbc  
**Duration:** One term (term 2)  
**Teaching structure:** Two-hour seminar  
**Assessment:** 1 assessed essay of 5,000 words (100%)  
**Available to:** Second Years, Final Years, and Affiliates

**ESPS7403 Neutrality and Neutral States in Twentieth Century Europe**

This course examines the role of neutral states and ideas about neutrality in 20th century Europe from the perspectives of political and intellectual history. Three topics will be interwoven throughout the course: 1) neutrality as a (changing) concept in international relations; 2) neutral states in the great conflicts of the 20th century (World War I, World War II, Cold War); 3) the historical relationship between the idea of neutrality and related ideas of internationalism, pacifism and conflict mediation.

**Course value:** 0.5 unit  
**Convenor:** Dr Mart Kuldkepp  
**Duration:** One term (term 1)  
**Teaching structure:** Two-hour seminar  
**Assessment:** 1 assessed essay of 5,000 words (100%)  
**Available to:** Second Years, Final Years, and Affiliates

**ESPS7404 Regions and Regionalism in Europe**

This course investigates the phenomenon of regionalism and region-centred (as opposed to state-centred) thinking in 20th century European history. It will include a substantial theoretical component, as well as historical case studies of different European regions. NB! The focus will be on supra- and trans-state (i.e. encompassing several states or parts of several states), rather than on sub-state (i.e. a distinct area inside a state) regions.

**Course value:** 0.5 unit  
**Convenor:** Dr Mart Kuldkepp  
**Duration:** One term (term 1)  
**Teaching structure:** Two-hour seminar  
**Assessment:** 1 assessed essay of 5,000 words (100%)  
**Available to:** Second Years, Final Years, and Affiliates