

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH POLITICS

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of Edinburgh

**Program(s)**

Intern: Scotland, University of Edinburgh

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

136

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH POLITICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

BRITISH POLITICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## Course Description

This course provides a detailed but accessible introduction to the government and politics of the United Kingdom. Students study the main political institutions of the UK and how they have been affected by devolution, voter apathy, and the increasing fragmentation of the party system. Does Parliament matter or does it merely approve decisions taken elsewhere? Does the Prime Minister dominate the British system? Will Brexit lead to the break-up of the UK? Why do people vote UKIP? Students are introduced to important institutions and debates in the study of British government. They consider, in particular: the British parliamentary state and the enduring influence of the Westminster Model; the peculiar nature of the constitution; the management of the (increasingly) multi-national nature of the UK; and the explanations for and impact of the vote for Brexit.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

PLIT08016

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INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH POLITICS

### Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

### Host Institution Faculty

School of Social and Political Science

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

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