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<h1 class="pageTitle">POL41910 Political Violence</h1>
<h2>Academic Year 2019/2020</h2>

Why do individuals pick up arms against their states? What explains the rise of violent groups, such as ISIS? Why do states go to war against each other? In this module, we will explore political violence. First, we will introduce different types of political violence, including terrorism, civil war, inter-state war, or genocide. We will also discuss trends of political violence, and the old versus new wars debate. Second, we will turn to key theories that try to explain why political violence occurs, discussing issues as varied as the role of poverty and religion, ethnicity and social bonds, rational choice or mental illness. By the end of the module, you will have a broad overview of theories explaining the occurrence of political violence. Studying research through which major theories on political violence have been developed, you will have also deepened your understanding of the scientific method. Finally, you will be asked to develop and present a short research paper, which you could later develop into a master s thesis or conference paper.

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What will I learn?

Learning Outcomes:
<p>On completion of this module students should: - have systematic knowledge of debates on political violence, and understand their underlying theories- have knowledge of violent groups around the world, such as ISIS, FARC, or the RAF- critically discuss key aspects of political violence, taking into account opposing arguments- be able to critically evaluate theories on political violence, and the key concepts they involve- apply these theories and concepts to occurrences of political violence around the world- be able to design and present a small research project, which could be developed into a thesis project </p>

How will I learn?

Student Effort Hours:

Student Effort Type	Hours
Lectures	24
Autonomous Student Learning	200
Total	224

Am I eligible to take this module?

<div class="subHeadCB">Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations</div>

<p>Not applicable to this module.</p>

<div class="subHeadCB">Module Requisites and Incompatibles</div>

Not applicable to this module.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment Strategy

Description	Timing	Open Book Exam	Component Scale	Must Pass Component	% of Final Grade
Essay: Final paper based on coursework	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	Yes	50
Continuous Assessment: essay writing	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	Yes	50

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<div class="col-sm-6">Carry forward of passed components
Yes</div>
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What happens if I fail?

Resit In	Terminal Exam
Summer	No

Assessment feedback

<div class="subHeadCB">Feedback Strategy/Strategies</div>
<p>* Group/class feedback, post-assessment</p>
<div class="subHeadCB">How will my Feedback be Delivered?</div>
<p>We will discuss writing assignments in class (before and after the deadlines).</p>

Reading List

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<h1 class="printOnly"> UCD Course Search
Political Violence (POL41910) </h1><h3 class="printOnly">Academic Year 2019/2020</h3><p class="printOnly">The information contained in this document is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate at the time of publication, and is solely for informational purposes. University College Dublin accepts no liability for any loss or damage howsoever arising as a result of use or reliance on this information.</p>
<h4 class="noPrint">Political Violence (POL41910)</h4>
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<dt>Subject:</dt>
<dd>Politics</dd>
<dt>College:</dt>
<dd>Social Sciences & Law</dd>
<dt>School:</dt>
<dd>Politics & Int Relations</dd>
<dt>Level:</dt>
<dd>4 (Masters)</dd>
<dt>Credits:</dt>
<dd>10.0</dd>

<dt>Trimester:</dt>
<dd>Spring</dd>
<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>
<dd>Dr Stephanie Dornschneider-Elkink</dd>
<dt>Mode of Delivery:</dt>
<dd>Face-to-Face</dd>
<dt>Internship Module:</dt><dd>No</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>
<dd>Letter grades </dd>

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