

List of available modules to Visiting Students in Semester 2 AY2026-2027

1st year module [starts in week of January 11th 2027]:

Year Coordinator: Gerry Fitzpatrick

All modules are 5 ECTS.

SP1126 Introduction to Sociology (large lecture module)

Tue 11am-12 noon Kirwan [A]

Tue 12-1 pm CSB-1006 [B]

Wed 1-2 pm O'Flaherty [A]

Thurs 11am-12 noon Kirwan [B]

Note: A and B GROUPS: Due to the very large numbers of students who study Sociological and Political Studies in First Arts, we duplicate our large group teaching, providing a parallel stream of lectures: Group A and Group B.

Please attend lectures in either Group A or Group B depending on your timetable.

2nd year modules [start in week of January 11th 2027]:

Year Coordinator: Brian McGrath

All modules are 5 ECTS.

SP2123 Modern Political Thought [Gerry Fitzpatrick]

Wednesday 12-1 pm AMB1021; Fri 12-1 pm AMB1021

SP212 Classical Social Thought [Lisa Walsh]

Wednesday 12-1 pm, MRA201; Fri 12-1 pm, CSB-1006

SP2124 Introduction to Policymaking [Dr Hanna-Kaisa Hoppania]

Tuesday 3-5pm, ENG-2001 Lecture Room 1

Final Year modules [start in week of January 11th 2027]:

Year Coordinator: Jacqueline Murphy (jacqueline.murphy@universityofgalway.ie)

All modules are 5 ECTS

Lecture modules (large group teaching):

SP405 Contemporary Social Thought [Dr Diana Stypinska]

Monday 11-12 noon AMB1021; Thursday 3-4pm AMB1021

SP3139 Comparative Government & Politics [Prof Kevin Leyden]

Tuesday 3-4 pm Kirwan Theatre; Wednesday 4-5 pm AMB1021

SP3137 Youth & Society [Prof John Canavan]

Thursday 4-5 pm Anderson AC002; Friday 3-4 pm CSB-1006

Semester 2 Specialist electives (small group teaching; cca. 25 students) [start in week of January 18th 2027]:

Module list is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

SP239 Youth Development Thursday 1-3 pm, venue TBA	Dr Cormac Forkan Contact: Cormac.Forkan@universityofgalway.ie
SP243 Understanding Family and Society Wednesday 2-4pm ILAS Auditorium G018	Flan Spaight Contact: Flannan.Spaight@universityofgalway.ie
SP3101 'Community': Significance & Change Thursday 10-12 noon CA002	Dr Brian McGrath Contact: brian.mcgrath@universityofgalway.ie
SP3144 Political Liberty Tuesday 11-13 CA115	Dr Allyn Fives Contact: allyn.fives@universityofgalway.ie
SP3198 Songs of Rebellion Monday 1-3 pm CA101	Dr Diana Stypinska Contact: diana.stypinska@universityofgalway.ie
SP3103 European Union: Polity, Political Economy, & International Role Thursday 11-1 pm CA003	Gerry Fitzpatrick Contact: Gerard.fitzpatrick@universityofgalway.ie
SP3150 Teaching Methods for the Politics and Society Classroom Wednesday 1-3 pm CA002	Lisa Walshe Contact: lisa.walshe@universityofgalway.ie
SP3192: Sociology of Religion Wednesday 10-12 noon CA001	Dr Vesna Malešević Contact: vesna.malesevic@universityofgalway.ie

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SP3129: Sexualities, Genders and Diversities Monday 12-2 pm CA117	Dr Stacey Scriver Contact: Stacey.Scriver@universityofgalway.ie
SP721 Ocean & Marine Politics Tuesday 12-2 pm CSB-1005	Dr Brendan Flynn Contact: Brendan.flynn@universityofgalway.ie
SP4131 Smart & Liveable Cities & Suburbs Thurs 11-1 pm ENG2035	Prof Kevin Leyden Contact: kevin.leyden@universityofgalway.ie
SP3218 Politics in Practice: Art & Activism Monday 12-2 pm MY306	Dr Kevin Ryan Contact: kevin.ryan@universityofgalway.ie
SP420 Sociology of the Environment Wednesday 2-4 pm ENG-G017	Dr Mike Hynes Contact: mike.hynes@universityofgalway.ie
SP3134 Human Rights Advocacy Friday 10-12 MY306	Prof Niamh Reilly Contact: niamh.reilly@universityofgalway.ie
SP3194: Theories of Nationalism Tuesday 12-2 pm AC204	Dr Judith O'Connell Contact: judith.oconnell@universityofgalway.ie
SP3193 Introduction to Social Work Wednesday 12-2 pm ENG-2003	Prof Caroline McGregor Contact: caroline.mcgregor@universitygalway.ie
SP3213 Contemporary African Politics Wednesday 2-4 pm AMB G-036	Dr Sarah Jenkins Contact: sarah.jenkins@universityofgalway.ie
SPL304 Women, Men and Economy: Critical Explorations of Theory & Policy Tuesday 11-1 pm CA003	Prof Nata Duvvury Contact: nata.duvvury@universityofgalway.ie

Signed: Vesna Malešević (International Students Coordinator)

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