



A Level - Politics

Overview:

A Level Politics aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of contemporary political ideas and institutions to give them the ability to critically analyse the world and draw their own conclusions about their place in it.

Students must be prepared to follow the political rollercoaster of recent years with enthusiasm!

What will the course involve?

The A-Level will be a 2 year course with all assessments at the end of the second year:

Component 1: UK Politics (33.3% of the qualification)

Content overview

1. Political Participation, you will study:

Democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.

2. Core Political Ideas, you will study:

Conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

How its assessed

You will take a written exam of 2 hours.

Section A: One 30-mark question from a choice of two (each question uses a source) - students must complete one of these. Plus one 30-mark question from a choice of two - students must complete one of these.

Section B: One 24-mark question from a choice of two



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EXAM BOARD



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least a Level 5 in English Language and Literature will be compulsory as students will need to write analytical essays and critically evaluate Political opinions and systems.





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Component 2: UK Government (33.3% of the qualification)

Content overview

1. UK Government, you will study:

The constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.

2. Non-core political ideas, you will study:

One idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.

How its assessed

You will take a written exam of 2 hours.

Section A: One 30-mark question from a choice of two (each question uses a source) - students complete one of these. Plus one 30-mark question from a choice of two - students must complete one of these.

Section B: One 24-mark question from a choice of two

Component 3: Comparative Politics (33.3% of the qualification)

Content overview

1. The US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories

How its assessed

You will take a written exam of two hours.

Section A: One 12-mark question from a choice of two.

Section B: One compulsory 12-mark question focused on comparative theories.

Section C: Two 30-mark questions from a choice of three.



COURSE PROGRESSION

You can progress to higher education courses such as honours degrees in Politics, or to degrees in related subjects such as History, Law, Geography, International Relations, and American Studies.

The skills you will obtain through studying Politics will be useful in a number of careers, either directly related to politics, such as working in the Civil Service or for a political party or in areas such as media & journalism, law, charities, and marketing.

