

Politics A Level



Features of the Course:

Component 1: UK Politics (33.3% of A-Level grade)

Political participation: students will study Democracy and Participation, Political Parties, Electoral systems and Voting Behaviour and the Media.

Core political ideas: students will study Conservatism, Liberalism and Socialism.

Component 2: UK Government (33.3% of A-Level grade)

UK government: students will study Parliament, the Constitution, the Prime Minister and Executive and Relationships between these branches.

Non-core political ideas: students will study Feminism.

Component 3: Comparative Politics (33.3% of A-Level grade)

Politics in the USA: students will study the US Constitution, Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, Civil Rights and Democracy and Participation – the electoral system and voting behaviour, power of interest groups,

This unit will also have a “comparative” aspect where the political systems of the USA are compared to those in the UK.

A Level Units

Component 1: UK Politics (33.3% of A-Level grade)

Political participation: the idea of democracy, referendums, pressure groups, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the Media.

Core political ideas: students will study Conservatism, Liberalism and Socialism.

Component 2: UK Government (33.3% of A-Level grade)

How the UK government works: students will study the Constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister and Executive, the Supreme Court and the relationships between these branches.

Optional political ideas: students will also study Feminism.

Component 3: Comparative Politics (33.3% of A-Level grade)

Politics of the USA: students will study the US constitution, Congress, the Presidency, Supreme Court, Civil Rights and Democracy and Participation.

This unit will have a “comparative” aspect where certain parts of the political systems of the USA are compared to those in the UK

Methods of Assessment:

Component 1: UK Politics (33.3% of A-Level grade)

Assessment: 2-hour examination (two 30-mark essay questions from a choice of four, one 24-mark essay question on Ideologies from a choice of two).

Component 2: UK Government (33.3% of A-Level grade)

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Component 3: Comparative Politics (33.3% of A-Level grade)

Assessment: 2-hour examination (two 30-mark essay questions from a choice of three and two 12 mark questions – one compulsory and one from a choice of two).