



Skills you will develop

You will learn:

- to comprehend and interpret political information
- to critically analyse and evaluate the areas of politics studied
- to construct arguments and explanations leading to reasoned conclusions
- to identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of the areas of politics studied
- to construct and communicate arguments and explanations with relevance, clarity and coherence
- to use appropriate political vocabulary
- to make connections between the different areas of politics studied
- to make comparisons across two political systems.



Assessments

Paper 1

What's assessed

Government and politics of the UK

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 77 marks
- 33% % of A-level

Questions

A mixture of medium length 'explain' and essay style questions.

Paper 2

What's assessed

- The government and politics of the USA
- Comparative politics

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 77 marks
- 33% % of A-level

Questions

A mixture of medium length 'explain' and essay style questions.

Paper 3

What's assessed

Political ideas

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 77 marks
- 33% % of A-level

Questions

A mixture of medium length 'explain' and essay style questions.



A Level Politics





Why study A-level Politics?

Lively, relevant, controversial... there are many ways to describe A-level Politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose.

Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence.

It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, advertising or journalism at university



Subject Content

There are three broad areas of study in this specification:

- the government and politics of the UK
- the government and politics of the USA, and comparative politics
- political ideas.

The specification requires in depth study of UK and US government and politics. Comparisons across the two political systems are required in the topic entitled [Comparative politics](#). Students will be required to identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of politics. This will ensure that students develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, political institutions and political processes.

The political ideas to be studied have relevance to both of the systems of government and politics. The study of the four ideologies will enhance the students' knowledge and understanding of politics, political debate and political is-

Government of the UK

- The nature and sources of the British Constitution
- The structure and role of Parliament
- The Prime Minister and cabinet
- The judiciary
- Devolution
- The politics of the UK
- Democracy and participation
- Elections and referendums
- Political parties
- Pressure groups
- The European Union

Government and politics of the USA

- The constitutional framework of US government
- The legislative branch of government: Congress
- The executive branch of government: President
- The judicial branch of government
- The electoral process and direct democracy
- Political parties
- Pressure groups
- Civil rights
- Comparative politics

Political Ideas

- Liberalism
- Conservatism
- Socialism
- Other ideologies

- Nationalism
- Feminism