



Edexcel A Level Politics

" One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors"
Plato

Subject Information

A Level Politics develops your knowledge and understanding of the society that you live in. It allows you to develop an understanding of how power works, how ideas become laws and how we are represented in the United Kingdom.

Politics matters. Every headline, every news bulletin, every aspect of our lives is influenced by politics.

A level Politics involves the study of prime ministers and presidents. We look at politics from the highest levels of government right down to how ordinary people get involved through voting or through protest movements. Politics is a subject for those people who like tackling important debates and arguments. You can challenge other people’s ideas, whilst also developing your own, as we consider what it means to be a liberal, a conservative or a socialist.

Career Pathways

Politics is one of the most popular subjects to study at A Level. A Level Politics is valued by universities and employers, since it requires the development of analytical skills and demonstrates the ability to evaluate political, social, and economic issues. An A Level in Politics can lead to a range of different careers including law, politics, journalism, teaching, charities, business, consultancy, accountancy, and the media.

Course Content

Exam Papers	Exam Time	Weighting
Component 1: UK Politics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Participation: democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media. Core Political Ideas conservatism, liberalism, socialism. 	Written examination: 2 hours	33%
Component 2: UK Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK Government the constitution: parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches. Non-core political ideas: one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism. 	Written examination: 2 hours	33%
Component 3: Comparative Politics: The USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The US Constitution and federalism, US Congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories. 	Written examination: 2 hours	33%

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 or above in English Literature or Language. A Grade 5 or above in History is preferred.

Complementary subjects: Politics compliments many subjects, most notably History, Sociology, Psychology, Economics or Media.

Excellence in thinking: There are a plethora of political articles available for students at USF.