

Politics A Level

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: GCSE Grade 6 in History, Geography or in English Language or Literature

Subject Content

Component 1: UK Politics
Component 2: UK Government
Component 3: Comparative Politics

Component 1: UK Politics:

Content overview

1. Political Participation, students will study:
 - democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.
2. Core Political Ideas, students will study:
 - conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

Component 2: UK Government:

1. UK Government, students will study:
 - the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.
2. Non-core political ideas, students will study:
 - one idea from the following: anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.

Component 3: Comparative Politics:

For USA (3A), students will study:

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

OR

For Global (3B) students will study:

- sovereignty and globalisation, global governance: political and economic, global governance:

Assessments

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Written examination: 2 hours
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Students study either USA Politics or Global Politics

Skills gained and enrichment opportunities:

Students will have the opportunity to visit Parliament, attend conferences and meet with political figures and journalists.

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- University courses that relate directly to government and politics
- University courses that will benefit from the skills acquired from this GCE, for example law, economics, philosophy

Progression/career opportunities:

Employment where analytical skills are essential, for example management, finance, government, industry and business environments.

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