

A Level Government & Politics

Edexcel



"Politics is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen."

Winston Churchill

If anyone says they aren't interested in Politics, they are lying! Politics is the most social of all the A-Levels and in this day and age, it's a bit hard to ignore!

Politics affects every aspect of everyone's lives, from the price you pay for petrol to the colour of your next passport. This course goes beyond the headlines to investigate how political systems actually operate from Parliament, the EU and even our judicial system.

You will learn the reason for people voting in different ways, what politicians actually do, the differences between ideologies such as socialism and nationalism, the roles of governments, prime ministers, presidents and much more!

How you will be assessed:

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Unit 1: UK Politics & Core Ideologies

Unit 2: UK Government & Non-core Ideologies

Unit 3: US Politics

(All 2 hour exams)



What you need to get started:

Five GCSE grades at 5-9, including a grade 5 in English Literature/Language, are required. The courses are all examination-only courses, with no coursework. A degree of confidence with examinations is therefore important, as is the ability to revise effectively. However, Government and Politics fits in with both essay-based and more scientific subjects, although

will, however, be taught. Confidence in literacy is very important.

Students should be prepared to read newspapers and articles, watch news and current affairs programmes... and debate! Willingness for participation as well as a literate and enquiring mind are a must.

What our students say:

"Politics was a fantastic subject for me to pick for two main reasons. Firstly, I didn't know a lot about the subject and I wanted to become more informed. It always feels really cool now that whenever I listen to the news or see something on Twitter, I understand completely what is being said, which is an incredibly important skill to have in the current climate. Secondly, I came to realise during Year 12 how much doing politics benefitted my learning in history."

Harris Emmines



What next?

Where to start! David Cameron, Ed Miliband, Alec Baldwin, Harry Enfield, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton... all these politicians have degrees, either in politics or with a strong political component. But many comedians, actors and lawyers have degrees in politics too; as do teachers and accountants. Politics at University is often coupled with other Social Sciences such as Law, History, Sociology and even Languages - it's a subject that leads to everything and rules out nothing.

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