

Politics A Level

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Why study A Level Politics?



What does the A Level Politics Course involve?

Paper 1 – UK Politics (33.3% of qualification)

1. Political Participation

- democracy and participation e.g. current systems, franchise, pressure groups.
- political parties e.g. funding, ideologies (e.g. One Nation vs. Thatcherite Tories; Old Labour v. New Labour), emerging parties e.g. Reform, Plaid Cymru, SNP.
- electoral systems e.g. Referendums
- voting behaviour and the media e.g. long term factors – age, class, ethnicities, sex vs. short term e.g. leaders, policies.

2. Core Political Ideas, students will study:

- conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

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Paper 2 – UK Government
(33.3% of qualification)

1. UK Government
 - the constitution
 - Parliament
 - Prime Minister and executive
 - relationships between the branches.
2. Non-core political ideas - feminism.

1. What are the rules?

- We have no codified constitution, so where does it come from?
- Should we?

2. Who holds the power?

- Parliament
- The PM and the Executive – devolved Gov
- Supreme Court
- EU

3. How can that power be challenged?

- Ideas such as patriarchy and intersectionality
- Types
- Thinkers

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Paper 3 – Comparative Politics - USA (33.3% of qualification)

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

What pathways can this lead to?

Politics develops skills in:

Research

Analysis

Argument

Communication

Critical Thinking

Understanding how government and societies work

Potential pathways:

Politics

International Relations

Law

PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics)

History

Sociology

Criminology

Journalism

Economics

Business Management