

A Level Government and Politics

What the course covers

A Level Government and Politics has four key topics:

UK Politics

Democracy, voting systems, elections, political parties, voting behaviour and the media.

UK Government

The constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister and their government, the supreme court and the EU.

Political Ideas

3 core ideologies: liberalism, socialism and conservatism.

1 non-core ideology from: feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism, ecologism or anarchism.

Comparative politics

Government and politics of the USA. The US constitution and federalism, US congress, US presidency, US supreme court and civil rights, democracy and participation, and comparative theories.

The complete specification can be viewed on the Edexcel website <https://qualifications.pearson.com>

What students can do with this course

Government and Politics is an excellent course for developing your ability to analyse the way the world works, improving communication skills and developing your ability to create detailed and substantiated arguments. Politics goes particularly well with History and Economics, but complements the other social sciences and humanities; it also adds breadth to a Science application. Politics is recommended for anybody hoping to progress into politics, public service, the armed services or law.

How this course is assessed

100% Examination

This course is assessed by three 2 hour examinations at the end of year 2.

Entry requirements

All our course entry requirements are detailed in the Entry Requirements document located in the admissions section of our website.