



Course Overview:

Government and Politics is designed to encourage students to develop their critical thinking skills and enhance their ability to interpret, evaluate and comment on the nature of politics. Students acquire knowledge of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the United Kingdom and are encouraged to think and debate more widely about how other political systems may differ

TEACHERS SAY...

This is a good choice for students considering a career in the professions, or those who simply want to understand how the world works. Politics goes well with History, Sociology and English. Politics does not just appeal to Social Science students, however: increasingly Art and Drama students have enrolled giving them a broader perspective on the world.

YOUR NOTES

Topics covered

First year of A level	Second year of A level
<p><u>Government and politics of the UK:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and sources of the British Constitution The structure and role of Parliament The Prime Minister and cabinet The judiciary Devolution Democracy and participation Elections and referendums Political parties Pressure groups The European Union 	<p><u>Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The constitutional framework of US government The judicial branch of government The legislative branch of government: Congress The executive branch of government: President The electoral process and direct democracy Political parties Pressure groups Civil rights Comparative politics (UK vs US)
<p>Political ideas</p> <p>Conservatism, liberalism, socialism, other ideologies</p>	

A level Government and Politics

Examination Board:



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Entry requirements:

Five 9 to 4 (A* to C) with a minimum 5 (B) in English

Type of Assessment:

There are three 2 hour exams at the end of the course, each worth a third of the marks. Paper 1 covers government and politics of the UK, paper 2 covers government and politics of the USA and comparative politics and paper 3 covers political ideas.

This course goes well with:

Sociology, English and History.

Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, some of the degree courses taken by students who have an A level in Government and politics are:

- Computer Science
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Politics
- History
- Information Systems

What can I do now to help me prepare for my course?

The key thing is to get interested in politics! Spend some time on different news websites such as BBC, Guardian, Telegraph and Channel 4. Try to follow some political stories and see how they develop over a week or so. Tune in to news programmes such as Channel 4 News or Newsnight on BBC2. Both these programmes have excellent coverage of current affairs.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics	Daily news stories that target politics
https://studywise.co.uk/a-level-revision/history/	A good website for revision for A level
https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/history-gcse-level	A good website for revision for A level
http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-students/revision/revision-resources	The exam board AQA has provided this website for advice on how to revise successfully for A level history
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/higher/history/migrationempire/	A great site for exploring the British Empire Unit
http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042	The link for the AQA specification
http://app.gojimo.co/qualifications	You can search for GCSE or A Level revision materials for different exam boards and subjects

Literacy, when you...

..read around the subject, and use several sources of information to answer questions.

Numeracy, when you...

..use sources of data to gain information about the past, and when using chronological skills.

ICT, when you....

...research and present materials, as well as using online archives to discover historical sources.

Possible career options:

A Government and Politics A level is exceedingly well thought of and is recognised by all universities. Politics can lead to all kinds of different careers including law, the media, banking, advertising, journalism, social work, teaching and many other professions. It combines well with other subjects including english, sociology and history to name but a few.