Politics

Exam Board: Edexcel
Entry Requirements: Students must achieve Grade 6 English Language or English Literature. Students choosing this course will have also benefited from studying Citizenship, History or Sociology at GCSE.

COURSE SUMMARY

Edexcel A Level Politics covers key aspects of UK and global politics, focusing on government structure, political ideologies, and the role of democracy. The course includes UK government and politics, political parties, electoral systems, voting behavior, and core ideologies such as conservatism, liberalism, and socialism. It also explores comparative politics, including global governance, political institutions, and the challenges of globalisation. Students develop critical thinking and analytical skills, preparing for a wide range of political and social careers.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Paper 1 (33.3%) UK Politics:
- Political Participation
- Core Political Ideas

Examination: 2hr written exam

Paper 2 (33.3%) UK Government:
- UK Government
- Non-core political ideas

Examination: 2hr written exam

Paper 3 (33.3%) Comparative Politics:
- US Constitution and federalism
- Democracy and Participation
- Comparative theories

Examination: 2hr written exam

SPECIFICATION

[A level Politics - Specification (pearson.com)]

CAREER CHOICES

Studying Politics at A level can lead to careers in government, public policy, law, journalism, political consultancy, international relations, and diplomacy. It also connects to fields such as economics, sociology, history, public administration, global affairs, and human rights advocacy.