A Level Government & Politics (Edexcel)

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100% A*-C in 2026



Why study Government and Politics?
Government and Politics is a well respected A Level course accepted at all of the top universities. The course is designed to develop a wider understanding of the role of politics in the modern world, from the philosophical origins of the concept of the modern state to the internal workings of the state itself. It is also designed to encourage debate on the key issues affecting the UK today such as the EU and electoral reform. Through these issues you are able to develop both your written and oral communication skills. You are also encouraged to form your own political opinions and express them through persuasive argument.
The course also aims to improve your independent research skills and teach you to view various sources of information with a critical eye.

Due to the wide range of skills being developed, Government and Politics is compatible with a wide variety of other subject options. It links in particularly well with humanities-based options such as History, Geography, Sociology, and Business Studies as well as less obvious subjects such as Maths and Environmental Sciences. Government and Politics is also useful in a variety of career paths such as Business, Law, the Civil Service and Journalism, as well as the study of academic subjects such as History.

Course Overview
A Level Politics consists of three components, each assessed by a 2 hour examination.

Component 1: UK Politics
This comprises two sections. The first will cover Political Participation. You will study democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems and voting behaviour and the media. The second section involves the study of the core political ideas of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism.

Component 2: UK Government
This also comprises two sections and will involve studying the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and the executive, and the relationship between the different branches of government. In the second section you will study one of the following optional political ideas: anarchism, nationalism, feminism, multiculturalism or ecologism.

Component 3: Comparative Politics – USA
This paper involves the study of the US Constitution, US congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court, democracy and participation and civil rights. Questions will focus on comparing the UK and US political systems.