

Politics

Qualification GCE A level Politics . Awarding Body EDEXCEL

Programme of Study

In Year 12 you will study 2 Units: Paper 1 looks at UK Politics and Paper 2 UK Government, which will cover the first half of the full 'A' Level and/or the entire 'AS' unit. In Paper 1 there is also a component that looks at three 'Core ideologies': Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism.

In Year 13 Paper 3 is a comparative study of the American and British Politics. Done as part of this is Paper 2's ideology component on Anarchism.

Study Methods

A study of A Level Politics will involve a whole range of study skills from individual research, background reading, group work, discussion and joint examination of key aspects of the work in class. Students will be developing their skills to produce extended written answers and source work analysis, which will be tested in the examinations.

Method of Assessment

In common with all the revised specifications, AS and A levels will be merged. It will still be possible to take the AS at the end of Year 12 OR to take the first part of the full A level. This is because the content is identical for both, although the exam for the full A level will be more demanding and has the addition of the ideology components. Exams will consist of a mix of essays and source questions, with a separate paper for Units 1, 2 and 3.

	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Paper 2: Constitutions Paper 2: Parliament	Paper 3: USA - Executive, Congress Paper 1: Ideology short recap Paper 2: Non-core ideology - Anarchism
Autumn 2	Paper 2: Executive Paper 2: Relations between branches	Paper 3: USA - Congress, Supreme court and Rights Paper 2: Non-core ideology - Anarchism

Spring 1	Paper 1: Democracy and participation Paper 1: Political systems	Paper 3: USA - Elections
Spring 2	Paper 1: Electoral systems Paper 1: Voting behaviour and media	Paper 3: USA - Political parties
Summer 1	Paper 1: Core: Ideology	Paper 3: USA - Pressure groups Paper 1 and 2 Revision
Summer 2	Paper 3: USA - Constitutions	Exams