



Who is this course for?

Students interested in politics; the study of government and society – political thought, public policy, global politics, institutions and electoral studies.

Students interested in going on to study politics or other Social Sciences such as international relations, law or combined courses such as politics and economics

What could it lead to?

Politics graduates enter a vast array of jobs – from a career as a politician to the public sector. Think about a career in the civil service, including the diplomatic service, working as a researcher for a politician (both in the UK and overseas), or becoming a political journalist.

Course content:

Government and Politics is the world of politics does not stand still, and neither does the teaching of the subject. The course will always reflect the changing political landscape. It means that with politics you will learn, literally, something new every day.

1. **Government politics of the UK**
2. **Government and politics of the US and comparative politics**
3. **Political ideologies**

Through the study of A Level Government and Politics, you will have acquired a good understanding of politics on a local, national and international level as well as touched on related topics such as economics, history and law. You will have gained a number of transferable skills, including: being able to debate, examining issues from all standpoints, making reasoned arguments as well as excellent communication skills, good research skills, in addition to teamwork and writing skills.

How will I be assessed?

3 X Written exam: 2 hours each. A mixture of medium length 'explain' and essay style questions.

Paper 1: Government politics of the UK -77 marks each worth • 33⅓ % of A-level

Paper 2: Government and politics of the US and comparative politics- 77 marks each worth • 33⅓ % of A-level

Paper 3: Political ideologies- 77 marks each worth • 33⅓ % of A-level

Useful websites/further reading

- Andrew Heywood- An introduction to Politics
- Prechewed politics. www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk
- UK Government and Politics for AS/A-level (Fifth Edition) Paperback by Lynch, Fairclough and Cooper.

