




A-Level Politics

Full course title and Exam Board	AQA Politics 7152	Specification QR 
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Introduction	<p>This course will give you valuable insights into the world of political ideas, processes and key institutions. There can be no better time to study Politics due to the rapidity of change in the world. The loss of confidence in governments in the West and the rise of populist political movements, Brexit, Covid 19 , Ukraine and of course the climate crisis are all events which point to the inescapable importance of both domestic and international politics, and how they have and will continue to touch all our lives. A successful student of Politics will leave the course with a developing knowledge of both domestic and international Issues, and will have the skills necessary to make effective contributions to future political debates.</p>	
What is the course about?	<p>Government and 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. Government comes from Latin ‘Governo’ I steer – it is about how peoples and countries steer a course through life. Politics comes from the Greek ‘Politika’ the Polis/City – so the affairs of the city – in effect anything that relates to how a city/country operates. The course is divided into 3 key papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Government politics of the UK 2. Government and politics of the US and comparative politics 3. Political ideologies <p>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.</p>	
How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?	<p>3 X Written exam: 2 hours each. A mixture of medium length ‘explain’ and essay style questions.</p> <p>Paper 1: Government politics of the UK -77 marks each worth • 33$\frac{1}{3}$ % of A-level</p> <p>Paper 2: Government and politics of the US and comparative politics- 77 marks each worth • 33$\frac{1}{3}$ % of A-level</p> <p>Paper 3: Political ideologies- 77 marks each worth • 33$\frac{1}{3}$ % of A-level</p>	
Current Text book and further Reading	<p>PAPER 1 : My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level Politics: UK Politics</p> <p>PAPER 2: My Revision Notes: AQA A-level Politics: US and Comparative Politics</p> <p>PAPER 3 : My Revision Notes: AQA A-level Politics: Political Ideas</p> <p>We use this key Book to support the delivery of Paper 1 and 2: AQA A level Politics - Government politics of the UK ;Government and politics of the US and comparative politics</p>	
Future Career Directions	<p>This is an excellent ‘A’ Level for many career pathways and university degrees, in fields such as politics, international relations, law, history, sociology, economics, business...all these will benefit from this course.</p> <p>You could also consider 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.</p>	



Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in English or grade 6 in Humanities