

Course details

Students study Edexcel Government and Politics. This is the new 2017 specification.

AS Government and Politics

There are two components of work that both consist of four topics.

UK Politics

- **Democracy and participation**
- **Political parties**
- **Electoral systems**
- **Voting behaviour and the media**

UK Government

- **The constitution**
- **Parliament**
- **The Prime Minister and executive**
- **Relationships between the branches**



A- Level Government and Politics

At A-Level we study 3 components that are a mixture of compulsory and optional topics.

UK politics

- Political participation
- Core political ideas

UK Government and political ideas

- UK Government
- Optional political ideas (choose 2 from a choice of 5)

Comparative politics—Global Politics

- Global political activity including; Globalisation, the environment, human rights, power, regionalism and theories of governance.

Assessment:

AS Government and Politics

Paper 1:

UK politics: one 1 hr 30 minute exam paper with a choice of questions from the four topic areas. Worth 50% of the qualification.

Paper 2:

UK government: one 1 hour 30 minute exam paper with a choice of questions from the four topic areas. Worth 50% of the qualification.

A-Level Government and Politics

Paper 1:

UK Politics: one 2 hour exam paper with a choice of questions from the topics studied. Worth 33.3% of the qualification.

Paper 2:

UK Government and political ideas: one 2 hour exam paper with a choice of questions from the topics studied. Worth 33.3% of the qualification.

Paper 3:

Comparative politics: one 2 hour exam paper with a range of both choice based questions from the topics studied and a source based question. Worth 33.3% of the qualification.



What could I go on to do after the course ?

Students may choose to study a degree in Politics. This can then lead onto future careers such as researching, working for local and national governments, teaching, journalism, working in the legal profession, running to be your local Member of Parliament or even Prime Minister!



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