Course Description

Politics

Aims of the Subject

The A Level in Government and Politics aims to encourage students to:

- Develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes.
- Acquire knowledge and understanding of authority and power within the political system of the UK and how these may differ from those of other political systems.
- Acquire knowledge and informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of the individual and encourage an interest in, and engagement with, contemporary politics.

Course Description

Component 1: UK Politics
Written examination: 2 hours
33⅓% of the qualification

Component 2: UK Government
Written examination: 2 hours
33⅓% of the qualification

Component 3: Comparative Politics
Written examination: 2 hours
33⅓% of the qualification

For the AS Level, the course examines aspects of UK politics in Units 1 and 2 of the A level, with two 1 hours 45 minute papers at the end of Y12.

Entry Criteria

Grade 5 or above in History GCSE or Grade 6 in English Literature/English Language GCSE.

Exam Board: Pearson/Edexcel. Specification link: A level Politics specification - Issue 4
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