

Politics

Course Details

On this course you may cover:

1) Government and Politics of the UK

- Nature and sources of the British Constitution
- The structure and role of Parliament
- How government and Parliament work and are made accountable
- The Prime Minister, Cabinet and executive
- The Judiciary
- Devolution
- Democracy and participation
- Voting behaviour and the media
- Electoral systems, elections and referendums
- Political parties
- Pressure groups
- Social movement and participation in politics
- The European Union

2) Government and Politics of the USA

- The constitutional framework of the US Government
- The legislative branch of government: Congress
- The executive branch of government: President
- The Constitution
- The Supreme Court
- The Electoral College system
- US democracy and participation
- US political parties
- US pressure groups
- Civil rights

3) The three traditional ideologies: Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism

4) The five 'non core' political ideas: Feminism, Nationalism, Multiculturalism, Ecologism and Anarchism

6) Comparative politics

7) Global politics

Assessment methods

You will likely be assessed by a number of written exams, which may be a combination of medium length structured, 'explain' questions and extended response essay style questions.

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Future career prospects

- Politics - e.g. Politician, Politician's assistant or aide
- Diplomatic Service
- Social and political research
- Journalism and broadcasting
- Teaching and Lecturing
- Roles within the Civil Service
- Human rights and charities work
- Policy Officer
- Political Risk Analyst
- Public Affairs
- Government Social Research Officer
- Public Relations
- Local Government Officer

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