



A Level Politics

What Are the Entry Requirements for Studying Politics at A Level?

The minimum requirement for any A level course at Brigg Sixth Form College is five 9-4 grades at GCSE. In addition at least a Grade 5 in a Humanities subject and a Grade 5 in English would be expected.

What Will I Learn on This Course?

By studying Politics at A Level, you will learn many important skills to back up your increasing understanding of the theory underlying politics, including how to communicate clear, concise and logical arguments both on paper and during class discussions and the ability to analyse and evaluate source materials. You will also develop a deep understanding of political perspectives and an awareness of some of the key political events that have helped to shape the modern world.

How Will I Be Assessed?

There are three examination papers sat at the end of the second year, as follows:

Component 1 9PLO/01

Method Of Assessment
Examination - Questions 2 hours

Subject Content
Political Participation: democracy, political parties and media
Core Political Ideas

Type of Study
UK Politics

A2 - 33 ⅓ %

Component 2 9PLO/02

Method Of Assessment
Examination - Questions 2 hours

Subject Content
UK Government: Parliament, PM and executive.
Political ideas

Type of Study
UK Government

A2 - 33 ⅓ %

Component 3 9PLO/3A

Method Of Assessment
Examination - Questions 2 hours

Subject Content
USA: The US Constitution, Presidency, Supreme Court and civil rights

Type of Study
Comparative Politics

A2 - 33 ⅓ %

What Kind of Person Studies This Course?

Politics is the type of subject which appeals to those with intellectual curiosity, who enjoy debate and discussion and who do not mind reading. Politics is an ideal course for someone with enthusiasm for current affairs, social, economic and political issues and someone with a desire to understand contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context, both within the United Kingdom and globally.

Why Study Politics at A Level?

Studying A-level Government and Politics will provide insight into political beliefs central to an understanding of the modern world. It also develops analytical and evaluative skills in relation to interesting topics prevalent in the turbulent political climate of today.

In addition, the course provides foundation of political knowledge on which to develop skills for citizenship and university study. Example degree courses which generally require or accept Politics A-level include Politics, Economics, Journalism, Law, International Relations, History and Social Policy.

Where Will an A Level in Politics Lead Me?

While in the Sixth Form at Brigg, Politics will complement a number of other A Level subjects e.g. History, English, French and Geography, as well as providing an interesting contrast for students taking Sciences or Mathematics. It develops a range of transferable skills that will be useful in Higher Education and in a number of professions e.g. Civil Service, Management and Journalism.