

What is the course about?

Students will study the political systems of the United Kingdom and the United States. In addition to learning about the political institutions of these countries, students will also be learning about political ideas such as conservatism, liberalism and socialism as well as the beliefs of political thinkers like Marcus Garvey, Rosa Luxemburg and John Locke.

Course content

Students study topics including:

- Government of the UK, including the British Constitution, role of Parliament, the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- The politics of the UK including democracy, elections and referendums, political parties and pressure groups.
- The government and politics of the USA, including the constitution, role of Congress, the President, electoral process, political parties and pressure groups.
- Political ideas including liberalism, conservatism and socialism.

Assessment

Three terminal examinations.

Career pathways

Study political, law or history related degree courses at higher education.

Employment opportunities: politics, journalism, law, management or Civil Service.

Entry criteria

Minimum of five 5-9 grades at GCSE, including at least a 6 in English Language or Literature.