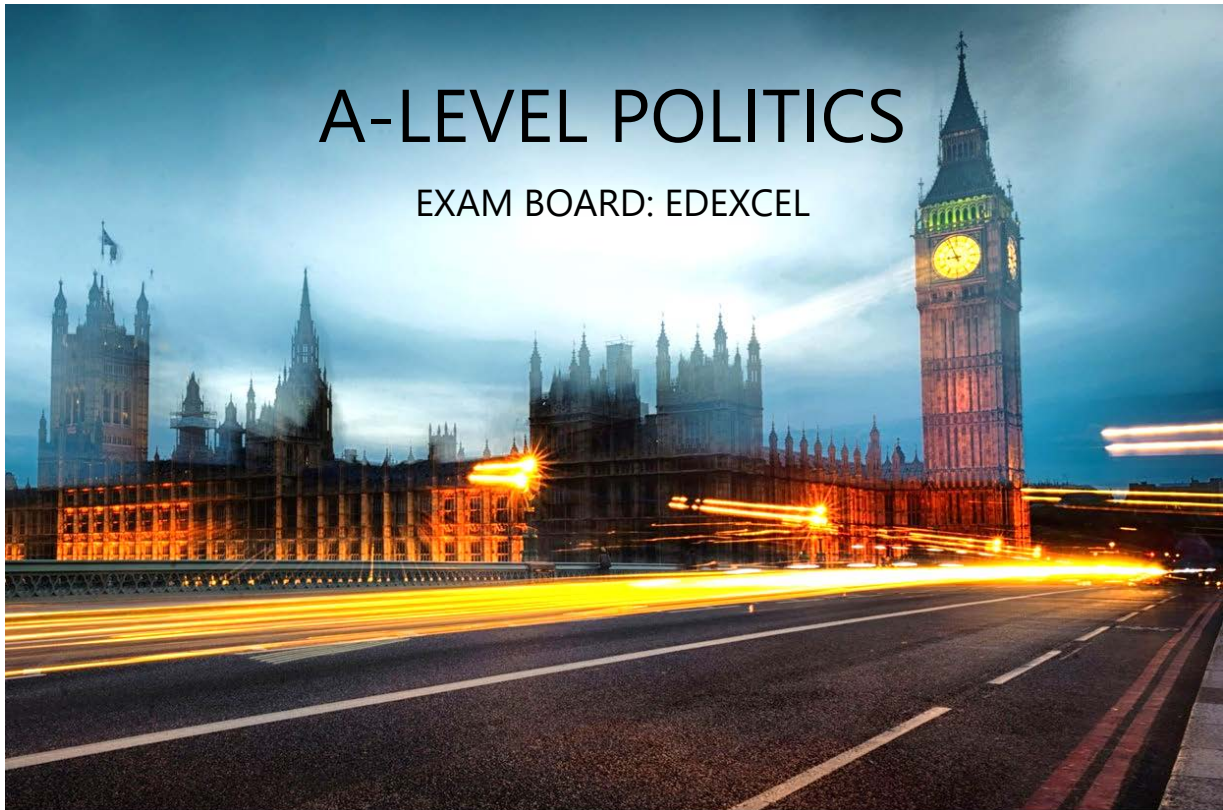


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# Politics



# A-LEVEL POLITICS

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

## **Course Information**

This course would suit students with an interest in contemporary political issues and debates. It will offer students an opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the role politics plays in relation to current local, national, and global issues, as well as studying key thinkers and political ideas.

## **What will I be studying?**

### **Unit 1: UK Politics**

- **Political Participation:**
  - Democracy and participation,
  - Political parties,
  - Electoral systems,
  - Voting behaviour and the media.
  
- **Core Political Ideas:**
  - Conservatism,
  - Liberalism,
  - Socialism.

### **Unit 2: UK Government**

- **UK Government:**
  - The Constitution,
  - Parliament,
  - Prime Minister and Cabinet,
  - Relationships between the branches of government.
  
- **Optional Political Ideas:**
  - Feminism



### **Unit 3: Comparative Politics**

- **Global Politics**
  - Theories of global politics
  - The state and globalisation
  - Global governance: Political
  - Global governance: Economic
  - Global governance: Human Rights
  - Global governance: Environment
  - Power & Developments
  - Regionalism and the European Union

#### **How will I be assessed?**

This course is assessed through external examinations. Each unit is assessed by a two-hour written examination taken at the end of the second year of study. The majority of marks are awarded for essay questions. As such, you will be supported during your two years of study to develop your essay writing and examination skills to best prepare you for the end of course examinations.

#### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of a grade 6 in English Language or Literature or a grade 6 in an academic, essay-based GCSE subject such as history, geography or sociology.

#### **Routes for progression**

This is a well respected A Level course that will prepare you for the further study of politics, international relations, journalism, philosophy, sociology, social policy or history.