

## POLITICS

AWARDING BODY Pearson Edexcel



Course Specification link:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html>

### Brief outline of course

In the first year of the course, you will study two modules. The first one focuses on People and Politics. It studies how political processes directly affect people's lives. You will assess the failings of our system and the politicians that operate it. There will also be a focus on how politics needs to appeal more to the public and become more responsive to our needs. The second unit focuses on how the UK is governed and those that make the decisions. This includes the law courts, royalty and parliament.

You will also study politics in the USA. It will focus on recent developments in the American political system including the election of Donald Trump and the changes he has made. You will study the political system of the USA and how it operates. You will focus on the power of the President and the relationship between federal government and the states. The course will be up to date with all recent developments in the USA.

You will also study the three traditional political ideas of conservatism, liberalism and socialism. You will learn about the core ideas and principles and how they apply in practice to human nature, the state, society and the economy, the divisions within each idea and their key thinkers. You will also study one non-core political idea.

### Are you interested in:

- Current Affairs
- Discussion
- Society
- Decision Making
- Debate
- People

### Leading to a career in:

- Politics
- Law
- Media
- Education
- Journalism

### Subject Entry Criteria

GCSE History, English Language or Literature Grade 5

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