

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

What will I learn on this course?

- How to develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes;
- What are the structures of authority and power within the political system of the UK and how these may differ from those of other political systems.
- Acquire knowledge and informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of the individual.
- Foster an interest in, and engagement with, contemporary politics.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course will appeal to those students who:

- enjoy debating current affairs and politics
- have a keen appreciation of the need to participate in the decision making process
- like doing a subject that affects their everyday lives
- like doing a subject that offers the opportunity to progress to a career in politics
- want to keep their options open – Politics can be a useful choice for a wide range of careers and can be combined with a wide range of social sciences and humanities subjects.

The units and assessment are: AS Unit F851:
Contemporary Politics of the UK
1.5 Hour written examination

AS Unit F852: Contemporary Government of
the UK
1.5 Hour written examination

A2 Unit F854: Political Ideas and Concepts
2 hour written paper

A2 Unit F855: US Government and Politics
2 hour written paper



What do I need to be able to do before taking this course?

No prior knowledge or understanding of any political systems, institutions or ideologies is required although prior study of politics or a similar subject such as history and citizenship at GCSE would provide a helpful introduction. It is more important that you have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in politics and current affairs, a desire to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

Please see Mr Morgan or Mr Dyer for more information a full course handbook