

COURSE OVERVIEW

Module Information:

<u>Component 1:</u> UK Politics and Core Political Ideas (conservatism, liberalism, socialism)

<u>Component 2:</u> UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas (anarchism, feminism, multiculturalism and nationalism).

<u>Component 3:</u> Comparative Politics: the US Constitution and Federalism, US Congress, US Presidency, US Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation, comparative theories.

At the core of this course are certain key ideas. These include sovereignty, democracy, civil liberties, constitutional law and political ideologies. Examples of contemporary political issues concerning the UK and USA include elections and their outcome, the economy, and the quality of public services such as health and education.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The assessment consists of three 2 hour exams. There is no coursework.

| Edexcel | UK Politics | UK Government | Comparative Politics: US Politics |
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| Length | 2 hour exam | 2 hour exam | 2 hour exam |
| Weighting | 33 % of the qualification | 33 % of the qualification | 33 % of the qualification |

ENTRY REQUIRMENTS

A good standard of English and a keen interest in current affairs. If you are interested by the way decisions are made, who makes them and the thinking behind them, then this subject will interest you. Decisions are constantly being made which will affect you and your families. Studying Politics will provide a greater insight into the beliefs and processes which is central to understanding the modern world.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Studying Politics now is more exciting than ever before. Crucial developments – such as the UK's vote to leave the EU, the 2024 UK General Election, the election of Donald Trump in the USA and the cost of living crisis have changed the political landscape.

You will develop many skills including the ability to conduct research, develop oral and written communication and IT skills. These skills are invaluable in today's higher education and degree apprenticeship markets.

"I have found the Politics course at St. Anselm's very engaging and interesting. The teaching is good and work is always marked quickly and with good feedback" - (Ben, Year 12 student).

