

A Level Politics

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Stafford** | **Subject Type: Humanities & Social Sciences**

Course Overview:

Delve into the heart of political debate and decision-making with our A Level Politics course. This comprehensive program covers a wide range of topics, including political ideologies, institutions, and processes. Through critical analysis of political theories, case studies, and contemporary issues, students develop a deep understanding of the dynamics of politics in local, national, and global contexts.

What's Covered:

If you are interested and engaged in learning about political issues, the A Level Politics course will enable you to analyse and understand politics in depth. You don't need extensive knowledge of politics to study the subject, but a desire to keep informed about political issues is essential to your success on this course.

Topics that will be covered include:

Unit 1 Politics and Political Ideas:

- Democracy and Participation
- Political Parties
- Electoral Systems
- Voting Behaviour and the Media - understanding core ideology: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism

Unit 2 Government & Political Ideas:

- The Constitution
- Parliament the Prime Minster and the Government
- Relations Between the Branches of Government - understanding fringe ideologies: Anarchism.

Unit 3 US Politics:

- Comparative Politics - UK vs US linkages
- US Constitution and Federalism
- Congress
- The Presidency
- Supreme Court and Civil Rights
- Democracy and Participation
- Comparative Theories

The course includes a variety of learning experiences such as lectures, videos, group work, presentations, discussions, quizzes, examination practice and personal research.

Politics links very well with Law, History and other Social Sciences.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language, in subjects relevant to your A Level or A+ Programme subject choices.

100%

pass rate

66.7%

achieved A*-B in 2026

Assessment Information:

Assessment takes the form of three written examinations at the end of two years of study. In all exams there will be a source based question and traditional essay style questions.

Progression to year 2 will be dependent on successful completion of the first year taking into account Internal Progression Examination results and the Key Assessment Profile throughout the first year.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):

Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

The study of A Level Politics provides an excellent general qualification for many careers. Those wishing to progress to Higher Education will find that universities recognise the independence of thought and critical awareness that A Level Politics courses develop. In addition, many employers appreciate the skills and knowledge that Politics students will have gained.

What else do I need to know?

Politics students can partake in activities such as the Youth Parliament and visits including a trip to London to the Houses of Parliament and a visit to New York and Washington.

Think of what you're capable of. Then think beyond it.

Step up to a top university or move into a competitive programme like Medicine or Law with our Honours Programme. Perfect for ambitious and high-achieving students.

The Honours Programme is an additional pathway for students whose aspirations are to progress onto highly competitive courses at top universities, such as those in the Russell Group. Once accepted onto the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time every week to this intensive support pathway.

Find out more
here

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact Nathan Greenwood, Head of History & Politics by emailing: nathan.greenwood@nscg.ac.uk.