



## What will I learn?

### Aims

- to develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes
- to understand the structures of authority and power within the political system of the UK, and how these may differ from other political systems (USA)
- to understand the rights and responsibilities of individuals, and to prepare citizens for active participation in society
- to develop personal effectiveness through a critical awareness of political events and issues, and the skills required to argue a case with relevance and coherence
- to gain a clear understanding of the theories, motives and values that underpin political processes and governmental decision-making and the role of institutions in resolving conflicts and allocating scarce resources
- to learn to think for yourself, develop your own views, discuss, debate and argue

## Highlights

A visit to Parliament with a tour around the Houses of Parliament. Access to the Pre-Chewed politics website and a main textbook with an e-version resource from home. In addition, speakers are invited in to discuss political issues. In recent years we have had visits from the Stratford upon Avon MP Nadhim Zahawi, Chami Chakrabarti, Natalie Bennett, Isabel Hardman (The Spectator), Jess Phillips MP, Kate Allen (Amnesty International) plus Warwick University lecturers.

## What are the recommended entry requirements? How will I be assessed?

Students will not have studied this subject to GCSE. A grade 7 or above in History and/or English is preferred.

### Component 1 - UK Politics

**Political Participation, democracy, voting systems and behaviour, media. Conservatism, Socialism, Liberalism.**

One exam lasting two hours consisting of three structured essay questions.

### Component 2 - UK Government and Political ideas

**Constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister, Cabinet, House of Lords, Judiciary. One from Anarchism, Feminism, Ecologism, Nationalism, Multiculturalism.**

One exam lasting two hours consisting of three structured essay questions.

### Component 3 - Comparative Politics - USA

**US Constitution, Presidency, Congress, Supreme Court, Civil Rights.**

One exam lasting two hours consisting of three structured essay questions and a source based question.

## Future Opportunities

This subject supports progression into further education such as a Politics or International Relations degree. Politics A-level will also be useful in related degree subjects such as History, Geography, Economics and Social Policy. From social and political research to journalism, marketing and HR, the civil service and public relations a degree in Politics and International Relations opens up a broad range of career opportunities.