

## A-Level Politics Part 1

### Summary

This qualification explores the systems, ideologies and institutions that shape our world, focusing on real world events and current affairs. You'll study UK and US political systems and ideologies, government structures, elections, power and participation. On this course, you will gain a deep understanding of how democracy works (or doesn't) and what influences political change.

*PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level.*

*You will need to apply for each part separately. You can start an A-level at any time of the year, but exams usually take place in June. Before making your application, please speak to PET or your education department to find out if your prison can hold A-level exams as many cannot facilitate this. Alternatively, you might be able to take the exams on Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) or after your release - we will be happy to advise you further on this.*

<b>Course Provider</b>	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ 01223 400200   <a href="http://www.nec.ac.uk">www.nec.ac.uk</a>
<b>Qualification Accreditation</b>	Pearson Edexcel
<b>Academic level</b>	Level 3
<b>PET entry requirements</b>	Level 2 English
<b>Format of course material</b>	Paper-based
<b>Structure of course</b>	<p>Four Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Democracy and Political Parties</li> <li>2. Elections and Voting Behaviour</li> <li>3. The UK Constitution and Parliament</li> <li>4. The Executive and Judiciary</li> </ol>
<b>Assignments</b>	4 written assignments
<b>Exam</b>	2 invigilated, closed book exams (105 minutes each)
<b>Study hours</b>	150

<b>Course expiry date</b>	24 months
<b>Prison support requirements</b>	Facilitate tutor support via email. This often requires scanning learner assignments and email them to their tutor. Co-ordinate with NEC to arrange and facilitate exam where necessary.
<b>Supplier tutor's support</b>	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
<b>Certificate</b>	Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level. On successful completion of either exam, you will receive a certificate.
<b>Progress</b>	There are range of possible progression options including A-Level Politics Part 2 or an Open University Access course. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).