

Government and Politics Bridging Menu









You are about to start an exciting journey into the world of Politics, good luck!

Remember

- Choose what modules you do and when, but work through them consistently. Different tasks will take you varying amounts of time, but on average you should aim to do one or two per week
- All green tasks are core modules, they are compulsory and must be completed
- The red horseshoe icon indicates that the task is more challenging than the others
- Numbers eg (1) correspond to how you should evidence the module which can be found in the slides

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(Green modules are core (compulsory) modules ,  indicates the most challenging modules)

Read 	Watch 	Listen 	Visit  (virtually or physically at a later date)	Do 
Francis Fukuyama Liberalism and its discontents?. (1) Fukuyama analyses the challenges to Liberalism from both the left and right and offers solutions to the erosion of liberal democracy 	This England(1) It depicts the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United Kingdom based on testimonies of people in the Johnson administration, on the various advisory groups (including the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies, and in other affected British institutions such as care homes and hospitals.	The Rest is Politics (1) Rory Stewart and Alistair Campbell reviews politics. Write a review of 2 episodes	Visit the UK Supreme Court (7) Opposite the Houses of Parliament, find out about Magna Carta, how the judicial system has developed and the changes since the Constitutional Reform Act 2005.	MOOCs https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/global-prosperity Search through the MOOCs using the filter 'Politics' and chose one that particularly interests you (5) 
Code of Conduct Why we need to fix parliament and how to do it' by Chris Bryant(1)	Brexit: A very British Civil War (2026) (1) This documentary interviews the key players in the Brexit Referendum, Farage, Johnson, Gove, Cameron etc. Available on iplayer	News Agents USA 1) https://www.bestpodcasts.co.uk/podcast/the-news-agents-usa/ Review 2 episodes of this podcast presented by Emily Maitliss and Jon Sopel	The Houses of Parliament (1) You will need to contact your local MP to get a pass but it is free.	Collect newspaper articles each week and relate to the topics from component 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative and Labour Party policies and ideas Activity of Pressure Groups including trade unions (4)
Prophet Song: Paul Lynch <i>This book imagines Ireland descending into a right wing authoritarian state. It won the Booker Prize. Be warned it is quite harrowing 1)</i>	Sunday Morning with Laura Kuennsberg(1) Every Sunday morning, BBC journalist interviews the political decision makers. Watch two episodes and write a brief review as evidence	https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-a-level-politics-show/id1473697674 1)	University Politics Open Day (6) Visit a University either in person or on a virtual tour	Collect newspaper articles each week and relate to the topics from Component 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution including the Human Rights Act Prime Minister The Judiciary (4)
https://www.politics.co.uk/ Write 3 articles tracking the key political developments. Each entry should be one side of A4.	Blair and Brown: The New labour Revolution (2021): The story of two powerful personalities at the heart of a political phenomenon. (1)Available on I Player	https://www.nytimes.com/column/the-daily Daily podcast on all things US politics		Write your own opinion of each issue 

(1) - Book/Journal/Podcast/Film/TV Review

Review by: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Review of (please circle)

Book Journal Podcast Film Documentary

Would you/would you not recommend it? Why?

Rating:



What was it about?

What did you find particularly interesting/inspiring/shocking? Has this changed your opinion?

How does it link to this subject and why is it important?

What would you like to learn more about?

Collect newspaper articles each week and relate and evidence the topics from: (4)

Component 1

- Democracy and Participation
- Party policies and ideas
- Elections
- Pressure Groups

And from Component 2

- Constitution
 - Prime Minister
 - Parliament
 - The Judiciary
 - (4)
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- Write your own opinion of each issue and upload to your application called 'Weekly news in Politics' with each week clearly labelled.

MOOCs (5)

To evidence this you can

- Save any notes you take
- Take and save a screenshot of completed modules or the completed course

University Politics or International Relations Open Day (6)

1. What is the first year like on the BA Politics or International Relations Programme?
2. What can I expect over the three years?
3. How important are different subject combinations for a Politics Degree?
4. Why study Politics and what do Universities have to offer?
5. What does your University look for in applicants?

(7) Visit the UK Supreme Court (opposite the Houses of Parliament)

Choose whether you would like to make a

- Podcast
- Informative flyer
- Mini film
- Report
- Newspaper article