

■ **METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**
ASESIADAU

The course is modular with each module separately assessed, as indicated in the course details. Modules include AS level and A level.

■ **PROSPECTS**
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Students with AS or A2 Level Government and Politics have a wide range of possible career and Higher Education opportunities open to them.

You will learn skills which are in great demand by employers and universities, such as:

- development of written communication;
- development of problem solving and evaluation;
- researching and analysing information from different sources;
- working independently and as part of a group

THE COURSE WILL APPEAL TO STUDENTS WHO...
BYDD Y CWRS YN APELIO AT DDISGYBLION SY'N ...

enjoy reading and discussion work and want to know why Wales and the rest of the UK are governed as they are.

It will be of particular relevance to those who:

- want to become better informed citizens and develop an interest in society;
- enjoy carrying out research from a number of sources and presenting this in a clear and lucid fashion;
- enjoy exploring and developing their own political beliefs and opinions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Students interested in studying Government and Politics should contact the Learning Manager responsible.

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Lefel AS/A2
AS / A2 Level

GOVERNMENT
AND POLITICS
LLYWODRAETH A
GWLEIDYDDIAETH

Humanities Learning Area
Adran Addysgu'r Dyniaethau

WELSH JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Course Director: Miss Sarah Edwards

■ COURSE DETAILS
MANYLION Y CWRS

AS LEVEL / Lefel AS

The course consists of two units at AS Level:

Unit 1 - Government in Wales and the UK

Unit 1 serves as an introduction to how Wales and the UK is governed today. Through the study of the Constitution; National Assembly and Parliament; Welsh and UK Government. Learners will be able to discuss, analyse and evaluate the key themes, issues and debates surrounding governance in Wales and the UK.

Unit 2 – Living and Participating in Democracy

Unit 2 is an introduction to the concept of active citizenship; the rights and responsibilities of citizens, some of the ways in which citizens can participate in a democracy and the importance of citizen engagement. Learners will be able to discuss, analyse and evaluate the key themes, issues and debates, and it is expected that learners will investigate contemporary developments and examples.

A2 LEVEL / Lefel A2

The course consists of two units at A2 Level:

Unit 3 – Political Concepts and Theories

Unit 3, political concepts and theories, involves the study of political theories and their application. Learners will develop a critical knowledge and understanding of a range of ideological traditions: liberalism, conservatism, socialism, communism and nationalism, and their contemporary relevance on a national and global scale.

Unit 4 – Government and Politics of the USA

Unit 4 introduces learners to the government and politics of the U.S.A through an examination of three themes: democracy in America, governance and participation. Learners will analyse critically the ideas and institutions that underpin the American political system. In the assessment of this unit credit will be given for appropriate references to contemporary developments, issues and debates in the area covered.

■ ASSESSMENT / ASESIAID

AS LEVEL / Lefel AS

Assessment for both AS units consists of a mixture of structured and extended response questions. The exam for each unit is 1 hour 30 minutes long.

A2 LEVEL / Lefel A2

Assessment for both A2 units consists of a mixture of structured and extended response questions. The exam for each unit is 2 hours 30 minutes long.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / GOFYNION MYNEDIAD

There are no prior knowledge requirements for this course. However, it is anticipated that potential candidates have achieved a GCSE Grade B in English or a Humanities subject.

It is essential that prospective students are interested in politics and current affairs and are willing to follow political stories in the media and take part in discussion. In addition it is vital that candidates have good literacy skills.