



A Level Politics

Key Components

British Government and Politics
Comparative US Government and Politics
Political Ideologies

Key Dates

Paper 1 (Britain) – 23rd May (PM)

Paper 2 (America) – 7th June (PM)

Paper 3 (Ideologies) – 16th June (AM)

2 hours per exam.

Support Available

- Revision sessions – Monday (US) after school SF09 – 3.15-4.00
- Take note of the feedback given to you for essays in lessons, at this stage you need to really focus on the requirements of the exam board in your essay techniques.
- Use the revision materials provided to support with revision.
- Use the model answers and structures provided to help you answer questions.
- Access past papers and mark schemes from the AQA website to understand what the examiner is looking for.
- Use the feedback from your trial exams to identify skills or knowledge deficit.
- Use topic checklists provided to direct your revision.
- Make sure you are completing your pre-reading and revising for weekly knowledge quizzes.
- Follow exam timetable provided.
- Use pre-chewed revision clips and articles to support AO2 knowledge.
- Use Crash Course Politics Clips from youtube.
- Ask for help and support when you need it.

Suggested Revision Timetable – For US Comparative



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Month	Content
January	The US Constitution: Key features, Amendments, Constitutional Rights, Principals, Federalism, Comparative Congress: Structure and Composition, Powers of Congress, House and Senate comparison Congressional Committees, Legislation and oversight, Representation Voting systems in Congress, Parties, Comparative
February	Executive: Creation of the President and Formal Powers, Vice President The Cabinet and EXOP, Relations with Congress Theories of Presidential Power and Direct Authority Presidential power in Foreign relations Limitations on the President and factors that limit success Comparative
March	Supreme Court: Structure of the federal courts, Membership of the Supreme Court, Philosophy of the judges, Appointment and confirmation process, Judicial Review, Activism and Restraint, Bill of Rights, Congressional and Presidential relations with Supreme Court, Comparative Civil Rights and the Supreme Court
April	Elections: Presidential Elections, Congressional Elections, Propositions, referendums and recall elections, Comparative
May	Parties: Organisation, ideology, policies, Coalitions, Polarisation, Two-Party system, Third Parties, Comparative Pressure Groups: Pluralism, Types of pressure groups, Functions of pressure groups, Methods, Power of Pressure Groups, Impact on the Government, Arguments for and against, Comparative
June	Exams!