



## Assessment outline 2021

### Politics and Law – ATAR Year 11

Assessment type (from syllabus)	Assessment type weighting (from syllabus)	Assessment task weighting	When/start and submission date	Assessment task
Investigation	10%	5%	Semester 1 Hand out Week 4	<b>Task 2:</b> Research and present a written report on the role and power of the executive and legislature in a non-democratic system.
		5%	Semester 2 Hand out Week 9 Validation Week 12	<b>Task 10:</b> <b>Part A:</b> Identify and research a contemporary issue centering on justice <b>Part B:</b> Validation essay based on the research associated with the investigation and classwork.
Short Answer	20%	5%	Semester 1 Week 3	<b>Task 1:</b> Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia and the operating principles of a liberal democracy</li> <li>• Structure of the Australian political and legal system</li> <li>• Roles of the three branches of government</li> <li>• Influences on the Australian political and legal system</li> </ul> Terms and doctrines: separation of powers; division of powers; representative and responsible government; federalism.
		5%	Semester 1 Week 9	<b>Task 4 :</b> short answer questions related to the Law making process including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliament and lawmaking process</li> <li>• Courts and law making process, including precedent</li> <li>• Relationship between statute and common law</li> </ul>
		10%	Semester 2 Week 9	<b>Task 9:</b> Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengths and weaknesses of Western Australia’s criminal law processes</li> <li>• The implications of the cost of legal representation</li> <li>• The abolition of the jury trial</li> <li>• The issue of justice.</li> </ul>
Essay	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 7	<b>Task 3:</b> Essay Unseen question on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia as an example of a democratic political and legal system</li> <li>• An example of a non-democratic political and legal system.</li> </ul>
		10%	Semester 2 Week 3	<b>Task 7:</b> An unseen topic based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electoral and voting systems since Federation</li> <li>• Advantages and disadvantages of the electoral and voting systems in Australia, with reference to at least one election.</li> </ul>

Source Analysis	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 12	<b>Task 5:</b> An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content: Processes of criminal and civil trials in Western Australia
		10%	Semester 2 Week 7	<b>Task 8:</b> An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political representation and political participation with reference to the role of political parties and pressure groups</li> <li>Ways individuals, political parties and pressure groups can participate in the electoral processes in Australia</li> </ul>
Examination	30%	10%	Semester 1 Week 16	<b>Task 6:</b> Semester 1 examination (2.5 hours)
		20%	Semester 2 Week 16	<b>Task 11:</b> Semester 2 examination (3 hours)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		