



Assessment outline 2022

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	Task 2: 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	Task 10: Part A: Identify and research a contemporary issue centering on justice Part B: Validation essay based on the research associated with the investigation and classwork.
Short Answer	20%	5%	Semester 1 Week 3	Task 1: Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia and the operating principles of a liberal democracy • Structure of the Australian political and legal system • Roles of the three branches of government • Influences on the Australian political and legal system Terms and doctrines: separation of powers; division of powers; representative and responsible government; federalism.
		5%	Semester 1 Week 9	Task 4 : short answer questions related to the Law making process including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament and lawmaking process • Courts and law making process, including precedent • Relationship between statute and common law
		10%	Semester 2 Week 9	Task 9: Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths and weaknesses of Western Australia’s criminal law processes • The implications of the cost of legal representation • The abolition of the jury trial • The issue of justice.
Essay	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 6	Task 3: Essay Unseen question on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia as an example of a democratic political and legal system • An example of a non-democratic political and legal system.
		10%	Semester 2 Week 3	Task 7: An unseen topic based on the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electoral and voting systems since Federation • Advantages and disadvantages of the electoral and voting systems in Australia, with reference to at least one election.

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