



## SAMPLE ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

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**POLITICS AND LAW**  
**ATAR YEAR 12**

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### Politics and Law– ATAR Year 12

#### Unit 3 and Unit 4

Assessment type	Assessment type weighting	Assessment task weighting	When/start and submission date	Assessment task
Investigation	10%	5%	Semester 1 Week 7–8	<b>Task 3 Part A:</b> Investigation of the roles and powers of the Governor-General <b>Task 3 Part B:</b> An in-class validation essay based on research
		5%	Semester 2 Week 9–10	<b>Task 8 Part A:</b> Investigation of the ways human rights are protected in the USA <b>Task 8 Part B:</b> An in-class validation essay based on research
Short answer	15%	7%	Semester 1 Week 3	<b>Task 1:</b> An in-class, short-answer test on legislative, executive and judicial powers under the Commonwealth Constitution
		8%	Semester 2 Week 3	<b>Task 6:</b> An in-class short-answer test on the accountability of the Commonwealth Parliament
Essay	15%	7%	Semester 1 Week 14	<b>Task 4:</b> An in-class essay on federalism in Australia and changes over time
		8%	Semester 2 Week 14	<b>Task 9:</b> An in-class essay on the changing political and legal rights of women in Australia
Source analysis	20%	10%	Semester 1 Week 6	<b>Task 2:</b> An in-class teacher-generated source analysis on the lawmaking process in parliament
		10%	Semester 2 Week 6	<b>Task 7:</b> An in-class teacher-generated source analysis on the extent of accountability of the Governor-General and the Office of Governor-General
Examination	40%	15%	Semester 1 Examination week	<b>Task 5:</b> Semester 1 Examination A representative sampling of the syllabus content of Unit 3 reflecting the Year 12 examination design brief
		25%	Semester 2 Examination week	<b>Task 10:</b> Semester 2 Examination A representative sampling of the syllabus content of Unit 3 and Unit 4 reflecting the Year 12 examination design brief
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		