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Politics and Law

ATAR Year 11

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## Unit 1 and Unit 2

| **Assessment type**  | **Assessment type weighting**  | **Assessment** **task** **weighting** | **When/start and submission date** | **Assessment task** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Investigation | 10% | 5% | Semester 1Weeks 5–7  | **Task 2 Part A:** Research the political and legal structures of a non-democratic system of government and the extent to which the principles of a liberal democracy exist.**Task 2 Part B:** Unseen validation essay based on the research associated with the investigation and class work based on the following content:* Australia as an example of a democratic political and legal system
* North Korea, China or Russia as an example of a non-democratic political and legal system
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| 5% | Semester 2Weeks 13–15 | **Task 9 Part A:** Research an alternative electoral system (USA)**Task 9 Part B:** Unseen validation essay based on the research associated with the investigation and class work based on the following content:* The USA’s electoral system (The Electoral College)
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| Short answer | 20% | 10% | Semester 1Week 10 | **Task 3:** Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content. Law-making in Australia* Parliament (statute law)
* The Courts (common law)
* Subordinate authorities and delegated legislation
 |
| 10% | Semester 2Week 8 | **Task 7:** Answer three, three-part questions based on the following content:* Political representation and elections
* The role of political parties (major, minor, and micro) and pressure groups
* The ways political parties, pressure groups and individuals participate in the electoral process
 |
| Essay | 20% | 10% | Semester 1Week 14 | **Task 4:** An unseen essay topic based on the following content:* Elements of an effective legal system
* The adversarial system
* Key processes of civil and criminal trials in Western Australia (pre-trial, trial and post-trial processes)
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| 10% | Semester 2Week 12 | **Task 8:** An unseen topic based on the following content:* Electoral systems and democracy
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| **Assessment type (from syllabus)** | **Assessment type weighting (from syllabus)** | **Assessment** **task** **weighting** | **When/start and submission date** | **Assessment task** |
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| Source analysis | 20% | 10% | Semester 1Week 4 | **Task 1:** An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content:* Australia and the operating principles of a liberal democracy
* Structure of the Australian political and legal system
* influences on the Australian political and legal system
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| 10% | Semester 2Week 5 | **Task 6:** An extract and a series of open and closed questions. The source is related to the following content:* Natural justice
* The inquisitorial and adversarial systems
* Strengths and weaknesses of Western Australia’s criminal law processes
* The implications of the cost of legal representation
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| Examination | 30% | 10% | Semester 1Week 16 | **Task 5: Semester 1 Examination** (2.5 hours)A representative sampling of the Unit 1 syllabus content reflecting the ATAR Year 12 examination design brief Section One: Short answer, three questions from fourSection Two: Source analysis, one questionSection Three: Essay, one question from two |
| 20% | Semester 2Week 16 | **Task 10: Semester 2 Examination** (3 hours)A representative sampling of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 syllabus content reflecting the ATAR Year 12 examination design brief Section One: Short answer, three questions from four Section Two: Source analysis, one question from twoSection Three: Essay, two questions from four |
| **Total** | **100%** | **100%** |  |  |