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## Unit 1 and Unit 2

| **Assessment type** | **Assessment type weighting** | **Assessment**  **task**  **weighting** | **When/start and submission date** | **Assessment task** |
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| Investigation | 10% | 5% | Semester 1  Weeks 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 |
| 5% | Semester 2  Weeks 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) |
| Short answer | 20% | 10% | Semester 1  Week 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 2  Week 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 1  Week 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) |
| 10% | Semester 2  Week 12 | **Task 8:** An unseen topic based on the following content:   * Electoral systems and democracy |

| **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 1  Week 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 |
| 10% | Semester 2  Week 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 |
| Examination | 30% | 10% | Semester 1  Week 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 four  Section Two: Source analysis, one question  Section Three: Essay, one question from two |
| 20% | Semester 2  Week 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 two  Section Three: Essay, two questions from four |
| **Total** | **100%** | **100%** |  |  |