

Introducing Politics and Society

A new Leaving Certificate Subject

What's it all about?

First new Leaving Certificate subject on the curriculum since 2007

- Examining topics of interest and concern to students and their world - power, decision-making, identity, conflict, gender justice, climate change, human rights, etc
- Not just learning in order to understand the world but in order to change it
- [Video](#) of students talking about why they want to study Politics and Society

Politics and Society

- is a full LC subject and gets the same time as other LC subjects
- can be studied at Ordinary and Higher level within the same class
- is a matriculation subject and carries same CAO points as other LC subjects
- will be assessed in a similar way as LC History, Geography and R.E. – with 80% for the final written exam and 20% for a piece of work submitted during 6th year

What's different about Politics and Society?

- Examining social structures and systems
- Developing research and analytical skills
- Active citizenship
- Key Skills



Learning for active citizenship

Students will be...

- Learning collaboratively
- Thinking critically
- Learning about real world issues of concern today
- Making links between what they are learning in the classroom and outside the classroom
- Practicing active citizenship

Developing critical thinking skills such as ...

- Ability to understand the difference between **opinion, reasoned judgement and fact**
- Ability to distinguish between **causes and consequences**
- Ability to examine similarities and differences as the basis for **comparing and contrasting**
- Recognition of **bias**
- Motivation to seek out **alternative perspectives and viewpoints**
- Ability to **evaluate different opinions**

How might it support further study?

Useful for study of...

Politics, sociology, law, anthropology, philosophy, development studies, public administration, teaching, journalism, media studies, and many more.



Link to other Leaving Certificate subjects?

Yes – There is some overlap with Leaving Certificate Geography, History, Economics and Religious Education.

Also supports and develops skills needed for LC English

