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Master 1 : Science Politique



## Institutions and Politics of English-speaking Democracies

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### COURSE OUTLINE

#### Part One: Building the Institutional Structure

1. From Magna Carta to the English Civil War
2. 18<sup>th</sup> century England and the invention of the strong state
3. British America from colonies to revolution
4. The American Constitution
5. Reform in England

#### Part Two: Parties and Elections

6. From one two party system to another in Britain (1832-1945)
7. From the collectivist consensus to the return of ideology in Britain
8. The Civil War and the modern US party system
9. Challenges to the American party system
10. Race, identity and politics in the USA
11. The election of 2016 and American politics today

#### Recommended Reading

André Kaspi. *Les Américains*. Edition du Seuil, 2014.  
Pierre Sicard. *Chronologie des Etats Unis*. Points – Histoire, 2011.  
Roland Marx. *Histoire de la Grande Bretagne*. Editions Perin, 2004.  
Stéphane Lebecq et ali. *Histoire des Iles Britanniques*. PUF, 2013.