

Syllabus: AP United States Government and Politics v10

Below is the syllabus for your course.

Estimated Completion Time: This AP United States Government and Politics course is scheduled for 1 semester, completed within 16 - 18 weeks at the traditional pace.

Description:

Students must take the Advanced Placement Exam in order to receive Advanced Placement credit. Students who do not take the AP® Exam will be awarded Honors level credit.

"Lights, Camera, Action" ...Prepare to study the intricacies of the American Political Culture. The script is written and the actors participate daily in the drama of American politics. You will be "on location" to delve into primary source documents. You will go behind the scenes with stars such as the President, Congress people, and Supreme Court Justices. You will research the roles of the media, political parties, interest groups, states, candidates, bureaucracy, and the public in the governmental process. Finally, you will witness the large- scale production of policy building in the areas of economic/social policy, foreign policy and public administration.

Course Assessment and Participation Requirements:

Besides engaging students in challenging curriculum, the course guides students to reflect on their learning and to evaluate their progress through a variety of assessments. Assessments can be in the form of self-checks, practice lessons, weekly multiple choice quizzes, writing assignments, projects, free responses questions including timed responses, oral assessments, and discussions. Students must be prepared to dedicate 6-9 hours a week to this course. Instructors evaluate progress and provide interventions through the variety of assessments built into a course, as well as through contact with the student in other venues.

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Module 1

Topics Covered:

- Course Motif / Scope and Sequence
- Preparing to Work in the Online Environment
- Advanced Placement Program
- Director's Review—Suggested Additional Resources

Module 2

Topics Covered:

- Models of Democracy
- The Framers
- The Constitution
- Federalism
- American Political Culture

Module 3

Topics Covered:

- Political Socialization
- Public Opinion
- Participation and Voting
- Political Parties
- Campaigns and Elections
- Role of the Media

Module 4

Topics Covered

- Political Parties and Conventions
- Congress
- The Presidency
- Interest Groups
- Political Action Committees

Module 5

Topics Covered:

- Lawmaking
- Presidential Powers

- The Executive Office
- The Bureaucracy
- Iron Triangles

Module 6

Topics Covered:

- The Federal Court System
- Civil Rights
- Minority Rights
- Landmark Supreme Court Cases

Module 7

Topics Covered:

- Policymaking
- Foreign Affairs
- Economic Policy and the Budget Courses
- Review of Modules 1-7