



AP Government Syllabus

Class and Contact Information



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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics will give students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. government and politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. government and politics. Students will become acquainted with the variety of theoretical perspectives and explanations for various behaviors and outcomes.

TOPICS COVERED:

First Quarter	Second Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundations of American Democracy• The Constitution• The Legislative Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Executive Branch and the Bureaucracy• The Judicial Branch• Policy and the Branches of Government
Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Liberties• Civil Rights• American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Political Ideologies and Beliefs• Political Participation• AP Exam Review and Testing• Missouri Government/Constitution
NOTE: This list may change in order and in content to best meet the needs of the class.	

CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

Materials Needed: The students will need to bring their school-issued laptop, notebook, textbook, planner, paper, and pencils/pen to class each day. Other materials will be provided by the teacher and should be brought to class when requested. Each student needs to maintain a binder of assigned readings and review materials.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS:

Teacher Responsibilities: The teacher will work closely with students and parents to ensure that the students are learning and growing. The teacher can be reached via email (Kristen.Wimbley@slps.org), phone 773-0027 (school). If a personal conference is desired, please contact the teacher through one of the above means and a mutually agreeable time will be arranged.

Parents Responsibilities: The parents will be supportive of the student's effort to succeed in AP US Government and Politics. This includes reminding your child to complete assigned readings, helping students with time management skills as the student works on long term projects, and providing study skills help as the student studies for upcoming quizzes and tests. The parent will also contact the teacher with any concerns and be an advocate for his/her child.

Students Responsibilities: The student will come to class on time with all the necessary materials and completed homework assignments. They student will pay attention, stay on task, and follow all class and school rules. The student will be respectful of others and not engage in behaviors that distract or prevent others from learning. The student will ask the teacher for clarification and further instruction if needed.

CLASS PROCEDURES

1. After entering the classroom, please be seated in your assigned seat and begin the Do Now which will be posted in Teams.
2. Hall passes to the restroom will not be given – administration will come to class to escort students to the restroom to help with social distancing and occupancy limits.
3. Assignments will be turned in on Teams and assessments will be taken in AP Classroom.
4. Exit Slips will be posted in Teams and turned in before the class period ends.
5. Students will wipe down their desks and chairs before leaving the classroom.
6. Students will not leave the classroom until dismissed by the teacher/administration.

ABSENCES

If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to check with the teacher and get missing assignments. All assignments will also be posted in Teams! Late work is accepted, but 10% of the points are lost each class day the assignment is late (not including weekends or holidays). If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, full credit will be given if the student has the work completed upon his/her return. If a student is absent the day work is assigned, one extra day will be given to complete the word without penalty. Otherwise, the assignment will be scored based on the late work policy. If a student misses a test, please check with the teacher to arrange a time to make up the test.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENTS: Students will complete class and homework assignments in the notebook which will be collected and graded on a regular basis. There will be at least one project per quarter and quizzes and tests will be administered on a regular basis. Students will also be assessed on their completion of homework and Do Nows as well as Exit Slips. Homework is given on a weekly basis and is worth 10 points. The following plan for evaluation is used:

Tests/Quizzes	35%
In Class Activities	35%
Projects	20%
Do Nows/Exit Slips	5%
Homework	5%

Government is an End of Course Exam. There are benchmark exams that are given district-wide through-out the course. There is also a state-wide End of Course Exam that all students will take in April.

The AP US Government and Politics Exam is given in the morning on Monday, May 2, 2022. This exam is created, given, and scored by the College Board.

Plagiarism is not tolerated and will be handled according to the high school academic integrity program. However, if a student is caught cheating on a test, he/she will receive an automatic zero!

SCHOOL GRADING SCALE

A: 90-100%

B: 80-89%

C: 70-79%

D: 60-69%

F: 0-59%