



# AP GOV'T AND POL: COMPARATIVE

## Description

The AP course in Comparative Government and Politics introduces students to fundamental concepts used by political scientists to study the processes and outcomes of politics in a variety of country settings. The course aims to illustrate the rich diversity of political life, to show available institutional alternatives, to explain differences in processes and policy outcomes, and to communicate to students the importance of global political and economic changes. In addition to covering the major concepts that are used to organize and interpret what we know about political phenomena and relationships, the course will cover specific countries and their government. Six countries form the core of the AP Comparative Government and Politics course: China, Great Britain, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, and Iran. In our Comparative Politics course students will confront critical questions as we examine the international political landscape. Our attention will focus on a number of geo-political issues such as globalization and its backlash, immigration, inequality, poverty, environment, health, and America's place in the 21st century.

This is a second semester course.

## Special requirements

Students will read a textbook and numerous outside readings in one semester, and should anticipate an average of one hour of homework a night. Students will complete work on challenging projects and sophisticated tests and will be expected to contribute to critical discussion.

## Student costs/Materials to be supplied by students

None

## Other information

Students may receive college credit for this course by taking the Advanced Placement Examination and earning a score acceptable to their college. This acceptable score varies from school to school and department to department.