



AP GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS: US

Description

The AP course in United States Government and Politics includes general concepts used to interpret US politics and the analysis of specific examples. Students in the United States Government and Politics course will confront critical questions about the American political landscape and our role as citizens. We will question the compatibility of capitalism and democracy, the balance between security and liberty, and the relationship between rights and responsibilities. Our attention will focus on Constitutional principles, the political process, policy-making institutions, rights and liberties, and the politics of national policy. We will analyze such important concepts as social capital, immigration, inequality, racism, education, First Amendment rights, and the media.

This is a first 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.

While there is no prerequisite, students who have completed US History are better prepared for this course.

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.