



Course Name: AP U.S. Government and Politics v18

Course Credit: 0.5

Course Estimated Completion Time: 16-18

Course Description: Within AP U.S. Government and Politics, students develop and use disciplinary practices and reasoning processes to explore political concepts, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the constitutional system and political culture of the United States. Students examine core principles, theories, and processes through direct study of U.S. foundational documents and Supreme Court opinions. They also participate in a civic project in which they research, study, and compile data on a political science topic and create a presentation that exhibits their findings and experiences. The AP U.S. Government and Politics course is structured around five big ideas outlined within the College Board Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics Course Framework. Each big idea is aligned to enduring understanding statements and learning objectives that focus on key concepts and essential knowledge about foundations of American democracy, civil liberties and civil rights, interactions among branches of government, American political participation, ideologies, and beliefs.

Prerequisites: U.S. History recommended

Honors Lessons: No

Course Profile (Includes Honors, if applicable)

Type of Assessment	Quantity	Location(s)
Teacher-graded	17	1.01, 1.03, 1.05, 1.07, 2.01, 2.03, 2.05, 2.07, 3.02, 3.04, 3.06, 3.07, 4.02, 4.04, 4.06, 4.08
Auto-graded	15	1.00, 1.02, 1.04, 1.06, 2.02, 2.04, 2.06, 3.01, 3.03, 3.05, 4.01, 4.03, 4.05, 4.07, 4.09
Partial Auto-graded	6	1.09, 2.09, 3.09, 4.10, 4.12, 4.13
Discussion-Based (DBA)	4	1.08, 2.08, 3.08, 4.11
Collaboration	1	Collaboration Option 1, Collaboration Option 2
Project-based	1	3.07
Total Assessments	38	

Types of Assessments (Includes Honors, if applicable)

Type of Assessment	Available	Type of Assessment	Available
Multiple Choice	Yes	Essay	Yes
Worksheets		Collaborative	Yes
Web 2.0		Short Response	Yes
Project - Based	Yes	Labs	

Self - Check

DBAs

Yes

Scope and Sequence

Major Topics and Concepts Divide by module and segment level.

Module 1 - Constitutional Democracy

Founding documents, Supreme Court cases

Why Government?

Founding Principles

The Constitution

Federalists and Anti-Federalists

Separation of Powers

Federalism

The Power Debate Today

Module 2 - Civil Liberties, Civil Rights

Founding Documents, Supreme Court cases

The Bill of Rights

The First Amendment

Security v. Speech

Liberty v. Safety

The Accused

Due Process

Equal Protection

And Justice for All

Module 3 - Interaction Among Branches

Supreme Court cases

Congress

Congressional Behavior

The Presidency

Executive Power

The Supreme Court

The Bureaucracy

Checks, Balances, and Accountability

Module 4 - Political Culture and Participation

Supreme Court cases

Political Socialization

Ideology

Public Opinion

The Media

The Parties

Interest Groups

The Voters

Elections

Campaigns

AP Practice Exam