

AP American Government and Politics Syllabus  
Mr. Melton Fall 2023

Welcome to AP Government! This will be an exciting and challenging class for you.

In this class, we will examine the foundations of our government, its foundational documents, Supreme Court Decisions, and how our Government works. This class will be an entire year, and through the class, you will be prepared to take the AP Government exam. The scoring for the exam is 1-5, and a score of 3,4, or 5 will provide college credit for an Intro to Government class.

Be aware this class will require more reading and work than a “normal” high school class. You will be required to have the material from the textbook and other documents read before class.

**Required for Class:**

- AP Government Textbook (provided by School) – you will keep up with it all year.
- Binder or folder to keep handouts, notes, etc.

**Grade Breakdown:**

Chapter Tests: 100 Points Each

- Tests will be structured similarly to the AP Exam. There will be roughly 20-30 MC items

FRQ (Free Response Questions): 100 Points Each

- There will be 1-2 FRQ questions per chapter. These will be similar types of items you will see on the AP Test.

Discussion Board: 20 Points Each Week

- Every week, you will be required to answer a question or a prompt on the discussion board. This will be done through Google Classroom. The Question or prompt will be posted Sunday night, and you will be required to post your answer by Wednesday night at Midnight. 2 points per day will be deducted for late responses. After 2 weeks, a 0 will be recorded and cannot be made up!!
- Full, complete sentences and thoughts will earn full credit. Short or incomplete answers will result in partial credit.
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Class Participation: 50 Points

- This class is dependent on your participation in the learning. I look for you to add to the classroom without degrading, demeaning, or insulting other students.

Daily AP ? of the Day 1 Point

- Each Day to start of the lesson, you will answer an AP style question. It will be over material already covered in class. You will earn 1 point for a correct answer and 0 for an incorrect one.

If you agree to complete and pass the course and sit for the AP exam, you will receive 5 points added to your average every 9 weeks. THERE IS NO EXTRA CREDIT IN THE CLASS!!!

Monday, May 6th, 2024  
– AP Government Exam

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