

AP US Government and Politics
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Course Overview

Government is a required course for graduation. AP US Government and Politics is a course designed for college level learning. In addition to meeting the Georgia Standards this course will take a deep dive into American Government in order to achieve higher level learning.

Course Units

- 1--Foundations of American Democracy
- 2--Interactions Among Branches of Government
- 3--Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
- 4--American Political Ideologies and Beliefs
- 5--Political Participation

Grading

*****This is a very demanding class and expectations will be high. Your attendance and attitude will determine your success.**

Formative (daily work, checks for understanding, low level homework)- 40%

Summative (quizzes, tests, unit projects, high level homework)- 60%

Missed Classes and Late Work:

If absent on a due date the assignment will be due at the beginning of the next class period.

- If an assignment is put into IC while a student is absent and they have not had an opportunity to complete the work/turn it in, it will go into IC as "missing". This is a PLACEHOLDER that does calculate as a zero. The student will be allowed to turn in the work and have the grade updated for full credit (as long as it is turned in on time upon their return).

Late Work: Assignments will have 10 points deducted per day until it is turned in.

Plagiarism/ Cheating:

First time: points deducted will be at the discretion of the teacher

Any and all other times: student will receive a zero for the assignment and parents contacted

Classroom Rules

1. Be respectful of your peers and the teacher.
2. When arriving to class, be seated and begin working on the Warm-Up.
3. **No Cell Phone use during instruction/ work times.**
 - There will be opportunities to use your phone in class. Phones should be completely put away when it is instructional time. Phones out during non approved times will be collected and returned at the end of class. On the third collection, and all subsequent collections, phones will be turned into the front office to be returned at the end of the school day.
4. Stay seated until the dismissal bell rings.
5. Be on time and come prepared to learn every day.
6. Don't let food/ drink be distracting and be sure to throw away all trash.