



Fairfield Ludlowe High School - Fairfield Warde High School

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Insert Teacher Name

Insert Room Number

Insert Full Year/Semester

Insert Period

Insert Email Address

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to give students an analytical perspective on politics and government. It involves the study of general concepts used to interpret United States government and politics and the analysis of examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that make up political reality as it relates to the United States system of government. Students will interpret and utilize basic data relevant to government and politics in sustained written arguments. An assessment for each unit will consist of a test constructed in the AP format that is 50% multiple choice and 50% free response. Students are expected to take the AP Exam in May.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students should:

- understand important facts, concepts, and theories pertaining to US government and politics.
- understand typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their consequences (including the components of political behavior, the principles used to explain or justify various government structures and procedures, and the political effects of these structures and procedures).
- analyze and interpret basic data relevant to US government and politics.
- demonstrate an understanding of our American heritage.

UNITS OF STUDY

- Constitutional Underpinnings of United States Government
- Institutions of National Government
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Political Beliefs and Behaviors
- Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Mass Media
- Public Policy

COURSE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADING

Summative Assessments: Insert % Here (Minimum of 70%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Papers – 30%)

Formative Assessments: Insert % Here (Maximum of 30%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Quizzes – 50%)

Behavioral Characteristics: Insert % Here (Maximum of 10%)
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Particip. - 90%)

Insert Additional Grading Information Here

MATERIALS

Insert Course Materials Here (ie. Textbook, Binder, Calculator, Highlighters)

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Insert Course Expectations Here

EXTRA HELP

Insert Course Expectations Here

Insert Additional Information Here