

Course Expectations Planning Guide

Social Studies

522 AP Government and Politics

Please Note: All listed information is intended to provide a general guideline for students in planning their course load. All information provided will vary according to the individual study needs and academic motivation. Events and responsibilities may vary year-to-year.

Time Commitment

3-4 hours per week

Standard Responsibilities

This course is designed to examine the institutions, participants, and processes which characterize political activity in the United States. The course has three main objectives:

1. To introduce students to the basic structures of the government
2. To help students develop an analytical perspective toward the conduct of politics in the United States.
3. To introduce students to the manner in which political scientists conduct research on the political process.

AP Government and Politics will provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that of most introductory college psychology courses. This course is taught at the college level and students are expected to have excellent study habits, motivation and participation. Upon successfully completing the semester course, students will be prepared to take the AP Government and Politics exam and begin their college political science studies at an advanced level.

Significant Events

The methods of evaluation and assessment will include Multiple Choice Tests, Free Response Question Tests, Chapter Note Checks, Simulations, Research Projects, Text-based and supplemental videos, and class participation.