

Gov AP (& Econ AP)

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| Why Gov/Econ? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gov & Econ are CA state graduation requirements. ● However, you have alternatives: AP or Regular classes. |
| What classes/tests? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We teach: US Gov't AP, NOT Comparative Gov't AP...
...and Macro Economics AP, NOT Micro Economics AP. ● The AP classes are ALTERNATIVES to regular classes, they are not electives. In other words they are needed to graduate just like the regular classes and if you fail to pass the AP classes you will fail to graduate. ● Regular Gov/Econ classes follow a curriculum built on the CA State Standards, while the AP classes follow a College Board mandated curriculum. |
| Who teaches?
Details? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Recktenwald in C-101 & Mr. Pelkey in C-107 (or email us: use @fuhsd.org) ● Regular Gov/Econ is based on CA state standards, which are designed to be completed in one SEMESTER. ● AP Gov/Econ is based on College Board standards which are designed to be taught in one YEAR (even though CA only allows one semester for Gov or Econ). ● As a result there are some significant differences between the two; AP has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ a MUCH faster pace than regular government; ➢ MORE material than regular; ➢ different organization & approach than regular; ➢ and more SELF-DIRECTION than regular. |
| Who & who NOT? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You will be expected to take the AP exam in the spring ● Those interested in: law, political science, history, international business, government policy, current events, business, or just wanting to know how our government works should consider taking GovAP. ● Those interested in: finance, marketing, business, economics, international business... should consider taking EconAP. ● If you think that regular Gov and/or Econ might be too easy or boring and want a more challenging class, you should consider taking GovAP and/or EconAP. ● Student who do poorly in AP classes don't fail because they are dumb or the class is too hard, they fail to succeed because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ they do not prepare themselves for the material, ➢ or they don't take the class seriously. ● The real difference between a "regular" and an "AP" student is their work habits and the seriousness with which they approach the class. |
| FAQ? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Are APUSH/Business classes prerequisites? NO – but it helps (I've had former APUSH students do very badly and former RUSH do very well) ● How do the DBQs & FROs compare with APUSH? GovAP & EconAP have very different approaches than what is done in APUSH – some prefer APUSH methods some prefer the GovAP way of doing it – no student has failed GovAP due to the FROs, you will learn how to handle them. ● Summer Reading? Yes – "Hardball" by Chris Matthews & current events quiz ● Do I have to take both Gov/Econ as AP (or neither)? Nope, you can mix & match – WARNING changing your schedule between AP & regular classes will be difficult or impossible. <i>Don't take AP thinking you'll give it a try and transfer out if you don't like it.</i> ● Is it worth it to take GovAP? YES! In GovAP you will learn a lot and be well prepared for the AP exam. Ask students who have taken it to get a broader understanding of what is expected and what you can expect. |