



AP US GOVERNMENT (SENIORS) & AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE BOARD COURSE DESCRIPTION LINKS:

 [AP American Gov](#)
[AP Comparative Gov](#)

PRE-REQUISITE RECOMMENDATIONS

Teacher recommendation for both courses.

GRADUATION & HOPE INFORMATION

AP American Government qualifies as the 0.5 credit of American Government course for graduation and for admission to the University System of Georgia.

AP Comparative Gov counts as an Elective course towards graduation.

Both of these courses qualify as a HOPE Rigor course.

MHS COURSE WEBSITE:

None available



COURSE DESCRIPTION

AP American Gov: Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. government and politics through analysis of data and text-based sources as they explore topics like constitutionalism, liberty and order, civic participation in a representative democracy, competing policy-making interests, and methods of political analysis. This senior level course is only a semester long.

AP Comparative Gov - Examine the political institutions and processes of six different countries—China, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, and the United Kingdom—and compare the ways they address problems. You'll analyze data and readings to draw conclusions about political systems.



TEACHER FEEDBACK

TIME COMMITMENT:

Approximately 20 minutes daily outside of school.

TYPES OF WORK IN THIS COURSE:

Reading outside of class. Complete Foundational Document Readings and complete Supreme Court Case analysis outside of class time. Keep up with current events using a variety of media outlets.

STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW:

- Ability to read, write, discuss, analyze & interpret sources at above average level
- Ability to work independently and move through course content quickly
- Ability to think critically & recognize new perspectives



STUDENT FEEDBACK

TIME COMMITMENT:

Most students reported that they spend approximately up to 9 hours per week in order to be successful in the AP American Gov course for seniors.

DIFFICULTY/PACE:

Most students reported that this course was more difficult than other AP courses they've taken and the majority said that the pace was faster than other AP courses as well.