

CFISD AP Government Scope and Sequence (2025–2026)

Course Description

The United States Government Advanced Placement course is designed to provide students with an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. Students will also engage in an in-depth study of the various institutions, groups, beliefs and ideas that constitute the U.S. political system. Students are guided to use specific information critically to evaluate general propositions about government and politics, as well as to present basic data relevant to government and politics in sustained written arguments. This course of study is the equivalent of a college introductory course and is available to seniors interested in taking the Advanced Placement examination in U.S. Government.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Reference: [TEA AP Government History Standards](#)

First Semester (81 Days)

1st Grading Period – Ends Oct. 9, 2025 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	3	Aug. 15, 2025
Unit 1: Foundation of American Democracy	15	Sept. 8, 2025
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	19	Oct. 3, 2025
College Financial Planning (First Semester Only)	2	Oct. 7, 2025
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	2	Oct. 9, 2025

2nd Grading Period – Ends Dec. 18, 2025 (40 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	2	Oct. 16, 2025
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	13	Nov. 6, 2025
Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	11	Nov. 21, 2025
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	Dec. 1, 2025
Unit 5: Political Participation	13	Dec. 18, 2025

Second Semester (92 Days)

3rd Grading Period – Ends March 6, 2026 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	Jan. 6, 2026
Unit 1: Foundation of American Democracy	14	Jan. 27, 2026
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	19	Feb. 25, 2026
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	7	March 6, 2026

4th Grading Period – Ends May 28, 2026 (51 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	5	March 20, 2026
Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	10	April 7, 2026
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	April 8, 2026
Unit 5: Political Participation	10	April 22, 2026
Review for AP Test	6	April 30, 2026
AP Test	1	May 1, 2026
Culminating Projects	18	May 28, 2026

Instructional Materials

We The People, W.W. Norton and Company, Inc., 2013

Notes

The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.