

Calallen ISD 2025-2026
Syllabus

Campus: Calallen High School

Course and/or Grade Level: AP US Government and Politics - Grade 12

Course Description: This is an introductory college-level course in U.S. government and politics. 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, order, civic participation in a representative democracy, competing policy-making interests, and methods of political analysis.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
■ Unit 1: Foundations of American Democracy (19 days) ◆ (big ideas: Constitutionalism, Liberty and Order, Methods of Political Analysis)	■ Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government (34 days) ◆ (big ideas: Competing Policymaking Interests, Methods of Political Analysis)

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
■ Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (18 days) ◆ (big ideas: Liberty and Order, Methods of Political Analysis) ■ Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs (13 days) ◆ (big ideas: Civic Participation in Representative Democracy, Methods of Political Analysis)	■ Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs (13 days) ◆ (big ideas: Civic Participation in Representative Democracy, Methods of Political Analysis) ■ Unit 5: Political Participation (26 days) ◆ (big ideas: Civic Participation in Representative Democracy, Methods of Political Analysis)

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*