



AP U.S. Government and Politics CURRICULUM

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Course Information

**High School
Full Year Course**

Course Description:

This course is an introductory college course in United States government and politics. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. government and politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. government and politics. Objectives for the course include knowing important facts, concepts, and theories pertaining to U.S. government and politics; understanding typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their consequences (including the components of political behavior, the principles used to explain or justify various government structures and procedures, and the political effects of these structures and procedures); being able to analyze and interpret basic data relevant to U.S. government and politics (including data presented in charts, tables, and other formats); and being able to critically analyze relevant theories and concepts, apply them appropriately, and develop their connections across the curriculum. Emphasis will be placed on the advanced development of reading, writing, and critical thinking skills, particularly in the analysis of data and sources. This course will fulfill Missouri state graduation requirement for completion of a government course. During this class, students will also be required to pass a Civics exam, which is a state requirement for graduation.

Curriculum Standards: [AP U.S. Government and Politics Course at a Glance](#)

Curriculum Resource(s): *Magruder's American Government Interactive*, 2023, Savvas

Curriculum Link: The curriculum for AP US Government and Politics is published by The College Board and is linked here: [AP US Government and Politics Curriculum](#)