Department: Social Studies Course Title: Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics Course #: 222H 250810
DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: (Grade 11, 12) (1 Credit)

Students are given the opportunity to complete college level work in government and are prepared to sit for the AP United States Government and Politics Exam in May. Students gain an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States beginning with an advanced investigation of the U. S. Constitution and the Supreme Court's interpretation of its key provisions. Students explore the political culture of the United States including the views citizens hold of their government and leaders. Students examine the mechanisms that allow citizens to organize and communicate their interests and concerns including political parties, interest groups, and elections. Students develop an understanding of the major institutions of national government. Combining many aspects of these topics, students explore the formation and implementation of public policy. Finally, students focus on Supreme Court decisions affecting the civil rights and civil liberties of Americans.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME*	STANDARDS/ ASSESSMENT ANCHORS	*Suggested Instructional Time is based on the percentage of the AP Exam devoted to each topic.
Constitutional Underpinnings of United States Government	*5 weeks*	5.1.12 E	
Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	*4 weeks*	5.1.12.L	
Political Beliefs and Behaviors	*4 weeks*	5.2.12 E	
Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Mass Media	*6 weeks*	5.3.12.E, H, J	
Institutions of National Government	*9 weeks*	5.3.12.A	
Exam Preparation and Review	*3 weeks*		
Post Exam: Applied Civics Project	*5 weeks*		

Textbook: Abernathy, Scott F. and Karen Waples. *American Government: Stories of a Nation*. AP Presidential Election Update Edition. BFW Publishers, 2021.
Reader: Waples, Karen, *et. al. Foundational Documents and Court Cases Reader*. BFW Publishers, 2021.
Primary Documents Reader: Serow, Ann G. and Everett C. Ladd. *The Lanahan Readings in the American Polity*. 5th Edition. Lanahan Publishers, Inc., 2011.
Supreme Court Cases: Jamin B. Raskin. *We the Students: Supreme Court Cases for and About Students*. 3rd Edition. CQ Press, 2008.

Grading Formative category is 40% of the quarter grade; Summative category is 60% of the quarter grade.
1. Daily Homework and Participation* Formative (your lowest homework (by percentage) each quarter is excused) 2. Homework Quizzes
Formative (your lowest quiz (by percentage) each quarter is excused if you took more than 90% of the quizzes)
3. Exams Summative

4. Each Quarter 25% of class
5. Final Exam** 10% of class (quarters adjusted to 22.5%)

*Students are expected to participate actively in class and contribute to small group assignments.
**Only students who do not take the AP Exam and do not have an A in each quarter
Weighted point system converted to letter grades per school policy.
Parents and students are encouraged to use the Parent Portal "Quick Links" on the school district website to monitor grades.

Homework Procedures

1. Homework assignments are distributed at the beginning of each unit.
2. It is your responsibility to make sure you understand assignments before leaving class.
3. You should expect homework every night in preparation for the next class.
4. All writing assignments must be in MLA format.
5. Unless otherwise instructed, all homework assignments must be submitted through Google Classroom.
6. Unannounced homework quizzes will be given to check for understanding.
7. If you are absent from class:
    1. you are responsible for all class and homework that you miss.
    2. for projects and tests, you will have the number of days you were absent to submit the project or take the test
    3. the first homework quiz you miss each quarter is omitted from your grade. Makeup quizzes may be given for any additional missed quizzes. 8. Late work is accepted late with a 10% (20% after the first quarter) per day penalty with two conditions. In order to submit work late you must complete all of the assignments for the unit, not just the ones you want credit for. All work must be submitted before the unit test.

Tests

1. Tests must be made up before school or after school or during study halls – not during class.

Academic Honesty

1. Cheating: Submitting any work as your own that you did not create.
2. Submitting work created with another person is only permitted when explicitly assigned as group work.
3. Copying from other students or other forms of cheating will result in zeroes for both parties involved. Further disciplinary measures may also be taken. 4. Copying from the Internet, books, and others sources is only permitted with appropriate citation. If you have any doubts, see me.

Study Materials

1. Your Chromebook and daily Internet access are necessary.

Google Classroom: Contains:

1. The current Unit Plan that lists all assignments.
2. All of the PowerPoints used in class.
3. Forms, worksheets, and instructions.

Class Attendance Policy (as per school policy) Please contact me with any questions: Lates (per semester) S. Adams

- 1st and 2nd lates = warning 610-437-5081 ext. 8109
- 3rd late = detention Adamss@whitehallcoplay.org
- 4th late = office referral Voice Mail: 93002
- 5th late=detention

Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics
High School

Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics is offered for students who wish to complete course work in highschool equivalent to an introductory college course in U.S. Government and Politics. The course provides both the factual knowledge and the analytical skills necessary to deal critically with problems and materials in U.S. government and politics. In order to actually receive college credit, students must successfully complete the A.P. exam offered nationwide in May and submit their results to the college of their choice. This course strives to prepare students for the exam. The exam is evenly divided between multiple choice and free response questions. Consequently, there is a heavy emphasis in this course on the ability to apply factual knowledge and critical thinking skills to both multiple choice and free response questions.

Course Objectives – Students will (from the AP course description):

! know important facts, concepts, and theories pertaining to U.S. government and politics
! understand typical processes of political processes and behavior and their consequences
! be able to analyze and interpret basic data relevant to U.S. government and politics
! Prepare for and successfully pass the AP Exam

Organization: Unit assignment sheets will be provided at the beginning of each unit. Daily reading assignments will be identified. Students are responsible for taking notes on the readings, identifying questions they have, and identifying vocabulary from each chapter. Tests will be scheduled on the unit plan, but unscheduled quizzes will also be given. Additional assignments including maps, charts, presentations, and essays will be included on the unit plan.

Tests: Unit tests will include multiple choice and free response questions with time limits.

Study Techniques: The reading load is considerable in this course. The amount of time required for homework for this class will vary with your reading speed and the length of the assignment. Carefully study the unit plans and plan ahead for long assignments, supplemental readings, additional assignments, etc. Time management is an essential skill for this class, and you must take the responsibility for budgeting your time. As you become accustomed to the course format and texts, you will likely find that things get easier. Try not to get discouraged and talk to your fellow students and me for support. Hundreds of thousands of students take this course each year. Almost all of them survive ;)

Attendance: Attendance in this class is essential. Much of the material for success is provided through lecture/discussion and the sharing of work between students. Missing a class, even to study for this class, is usually detrimental.

AP Exam: The AP Exam is given in May. Registration for the exam takes place in November. In order to receive AP credit for your GPA, you are required by Whitehall High School to take the exam. You may also earn college credit and/or advanced placement in college.

AP Exam fee: There is a substantial fee reduction available for students eligible for free and reduced lunch. Make sure you apply in the fall for free and reduced lunch to obtain this lower fee. You can't do it when you register.

Important College Board Websites and Information: College Board Website: http://www.collegeboard.org/
College Board Info for Students with Disabilities: http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/ssd