



Online Courses for High School Students
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Course Name	Adv Pl U.S. Government and Politics
Subject	Social Studies
Estimated Completion Time	1 semester / 18 weeks
Course Description	"Lights, Camera, Action" ...Prepare to study the intricacies of the American Political Culture. The script is written and the actors participate daily in the drama of American politics. You will be "on location" to delve into primary source documents. You will go behind the scenes with stars such as the President, Congress people, and Supreme Court Justices. You will research the roles of the media, political parties, interest groups, states, candidates, bureaucracy, and the public in the governmental process. Finally, you will witness the large-scale production of policy building in the areas of economic/social policy, foreign policy and public administration.

Scope &
Sequence

Module One- “The Premiere”

Course motif

Scope and Sequence

The Advanced Placement program

Director’s Review—suggested additional resources

Module Two- 'Examining the Script of Democracy’

Models of democracy

The Framers

The Constitution

Federalism

American Political Culture

Module Three- “Setting the Stage”

Political socialization

Public Opinion

Voting and Participation

The role of the media

Module Four- “Casting the Roles of Politics”

Political parties and conventions

Congress

The Presidency

Interest Groups

Political Action committees

Module Five- “The Stars of the Show”

Lawmaking

Presidential powers

The executive office

The Bureaucracy

Iron triangles

Module Six- “The Ratings System”

The federal court system

Civil liberties

Minority rights

Landmark Supreme Court cases

Module Seven- “The Production Trailer”

Policymaking

Foreign affairs

Economic policy and the budget process

Module Eight—“Walk the Red Carpet”

Review of modules 1-7

Essay writing practice and hints

Practice AP tests

Course Objectives The goal of this course is to increase understanding of the American political system- of its traditions, values frameworks- as well as to understand how its components work together.

Grading Policy Grades will be based upon the quality of the student submissions, participation in discussions, and the ability to maintain consistent communication with the instructor. The grading scale that is used for this course is as follows:

A 90-100
B 80-89
C 70-79
D 60-69
F 59 or below

All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information,

forgery, alteration or misuse of documents or software, and misconduct during a testing situation. Any student cheating on an exam will receive a zero on the exam and may be withdrawn from the class at the instructor's discretion.

Communication / Participation Requirements Only through continuous communication can students be successful in an online course. Within each course the instructor outlines the weekly minimum work requirements. It is essential that the student and instructor maintain regular contact. Failure to complete assignments on a consistent basis will result in students being removed from the course.

Required Materials **American Government CD, Wilson 9th Edition
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