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# **A.P. Government**

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# AP Exam - Sign up and Deadlines

- Join codes will be up on canvas
- Student needs to log into college board and join a class
  - Make sure they don't create another account, recover their old account
- Register for the course
- This will register you for the exam
- If you want to opt out, you must talk to me and then go see Mrs. King
- Payment deadline is - \$99 per exam
  - Pay through total registration
- I will be using AP Classroom for practice exams

# Course Content

## **1st Semester (AP credit semester)**

- . Constitutional underpinnings of American Government**
- . Political parties, campaigns, elections**
- . Congress, Presidency, and the Bureaucracy**

## **2nd Semester**

- . Judicial Branch, Civil Liberties and Civil Rights**
- . Macroeconomic policies**
- . Interest Groups and mass media**

# How can my child be successful in my course?

- **Read the book at home and take proper notes!!!**
- **Reading Quizzes during the week**
- **They should be taking proper notes on every chapter at home**
- **Note-taking guides will be shared to help take notes**
- **Unit Exams**
  - **style replicates AP Exam**
  - **AP Classroom very useful for practicing content**
- **Canvas –assignments, announcements, calendar, everything is there**
- **Online course curriculum supports will be added to canvas**
- **Infinite campus will most likely reflect your most accurate grade**

# Frequently Asked Questions about AP Government

- **College level course**
- **Full year course (even though recognized as a semester course)**
  - **Majority of the time on AP curriculum**
  - **Second semester has more economics and assessed in a way that reflects their "econ" grade better**
- **Will do AP curriculum into second semester**
- **Fulfills their high school government AND economics requirement**
- **1<sup>st</sup> semester AP Govt. Credit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester regular Econ credit**
- **NEED BOTH CREDITS TO GRADUATE!**
- **CAN NOT DROP AT THE SEMESTER!**

# Course Structure

- **Lots of discussion**
- *Don't lecture: I clarify concepts and have discussion on the material*
- **Lots of practice for the AP Test in May with quizzes and tests**
- **Grading scale is on syllabus**
- **Other assessments such as projects**
  - **Campaign commercials, "fake news" detective, mock senate**
- **No comprehensive final exam first semester, just 3 big unit exams**
- **Comprehensive final second semester – AP govt.**
- **Econ project after the AP test – part of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester econ grade**
- **Field trip to the San Diego Federal Court House to see sentencing of convicted federal criminals**