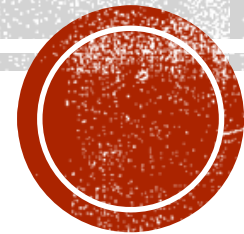


# AP GOVERNMENT

Comparative and United States



# WHAT IS AP GOVERNMENT?

- This course is a **year-long** integrated study of the government and political systems in the United States, as well as 6 international case studies, including:
  - The United Kingdom
  - Mexico
  - China
  - Russia
  - Iran
  - Nigeria
- Students will learn political concepts and then apply those concepts to each of the 7 case studies listed above
- This class will not meet your economics requirement, so be prepared to take the year-long AP Economics course, or the semester-long CP Economics course.



# WHAT DO WE STUDY IN AP GOVERNMENT?

## **Comparative Government and Politics**

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- States, Sovereignty, and Governance
- Civil Society, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties
- Political Institutions – Legislatures, Executives, Judicial, Military
- Political and Economic Change

## **United States Government and Politics**

- Constitutional Underpinnings
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- The Executive Branch
- The Legislative Branch
- The Judicial Branch
- The Media, Interest Groups, and the Bureaucracy
- Public Policy



# WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES DO WE DO?

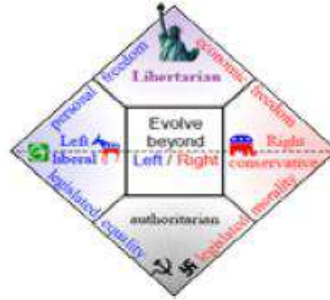
## ACTIVITIES:



GROUP ACTIVITIES  
AND PROJECTS



MOCK TRIALS AND  
MOOT COURTS



POLITICAL SPECTRUM  
ACTIVITIES



SIMULATIONS AND  
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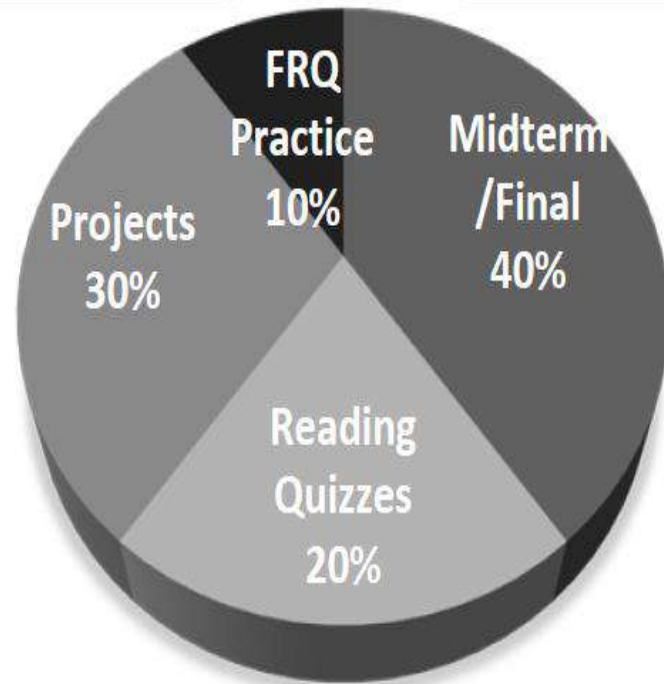


DISCUSSIONS  
AND DEBATES



# GRADING SCALE AND EXAM REQUIREMENTS

## GRADING SCALE



- US Exam - \$94 – Usually Week 1
  - 55 Multiple Choice Questions – 1 Hour and 20 Minutes (50%)
  - 4 FRQs – 1 Hour and 40 Minutes (50%)
    - 1 Conceptual Analysis
    - 1 Quantitative Analysis
    - 1 Supreme Court Case Comparison
    - 1 Argumentative Essay
- Comparative Exam - \$94 – Usually Week 2
  - 55 Multiple Choice Questions – 45 Minutes (50%)
  - 8 SAQs/FRQs – 1 Hour and 40 Minutes – 50%
    - 5 Short Answers
    - 1 Conceptual Analysis
    - 2 Country Comparison
- You are not required to take either exam, but it is highly encouraged. If you can only afford to take one, the best to take is probably the US Exam – more schools accept it for credit





## Real-Life Application!

- You need to know your rights and responsibilities before college and careers!
- You also need to know about the world around you if you are going to live in it!



## Waive Government in College!

- Every college requires you to take US Government – if you pass the test, most colleges will waive it for you!
- Most colleges accept Comparative Government as an elective or GE requirement



## Become Leaders!

- This course teaches you more than politics, it teaches you how to affect change in society and beyond!



## Fun Activities!

- You won't have the opportunity to do fun activities in a Government lecture in college, so this is the perfect time to have fun while learning it!

**WHY TAKE AP  
GOVERNMENT  
AT AYALA  
WITH MRS.  
CLARK?**



# WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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- You can also find more information on Mrs. Clark's Ayala Website!

