



SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
5775 Main Street
Center Valley, PA 18034

Planned Course for Social Studies

Course: Advanced Placement (AP) United States Government and Politics

College Board Disciplinary Practices

- Concept Application
- SCOTUS Application
- Data Analysis
- Source Analysis
- Argumentation

Course Description:

AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS is designed to introduce the essential concepts at the core of American government through exploring the fundamentals of American political thought and culture. Throughout the course, students will analyze and interpret the Constitution, important political documents, and data to better understand the American national government and the political actors who interact with it. Students will develop the analytical and evaluative skills necessary to interpret and question the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that make up the US political landscape.

Prerequisite(s):

- Earn a minimum grade of a B+ in a World Cultures course; OR
- Earn a minimum grade of a C+ in AP World History

Measurable objectives to be attained by students:

Specific objectives for this course are aligned to the College Board Course Disciplinary Practices, Reasoning Processes, and Course Content for AP United States Government and Politics.

Instructional Strategies:

Social Studies demands the use of a variety of instructional strategies. Below is a list of suggested strategies for high-quality instruction:

- Instructional components outlined in the *Framework for Teaching* by Charlotte Danielson
- Teacher and Student Led Class Discussion
- Document based questions
- Projects
- Debate

Estimated Instructional Time:

77 minutes per day for 3 days on a 6 day cycle (alternating A/B Block Schedule)

Forms of Assessment:

- Summative Assessment
- Performance Tasks
- Formative Assessment

Resources:**Student Text Resources:**

Edwards, George C. and Martin P. Wattenberg. *Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy AP Edition*. Pearson, 2022.

Teacher Resources:

Online Instructor Resource for: Edwards, George C. and Martin P. Wattenberg. *Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy AP Edition*. Pearson, 2022.

Technology:

District approved supplemental resources

Other Resources:

Teacher created resources

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