

# AP US Government & Politics

## 2025-2026



**Course Description:**

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-united-states-government-and-politics>

In AP US Government & Politics you’ll examine the relationships between the president, Congress, and the Supreme Court, and explore how different political ideologies and opinions shape American politics.

**Skills You’ll Learn:**

- Connecting political concepts to real-life situations
- Explaining the impact and implications of certain U.S. Supreme Court decisions
- Analyzing data to find patterns and trends and draw conclusions
- Reading and analyzing text and visual sources
- Developing a claim or thesis and supporting it in an essay

**Take this course if . . .**

- You’re interested in doing in-depth analysis of Enlightenment primary sources
- You’re ready for college-level reading, writing, and analysis assignments
- You want to do a deep-dive on the US Constitution, Federalist Papers, and other founding documents
- You want to look for and understand connections between current events, politics, and the Founding Fathers’ vision for the country

**Grading Policies, Assessments, and AP Exam: 5 Units of Study**

- **Habits of Work-** Notes/binder checks; daily warm-up reviews
- **Formative Assessments** - written analysis assignments, close reading assignments, application and reflection
- **Summative assessments** - quizzes and exams with multiple choice and free response questions

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**Resources to review this summer:**

<a href="#">John Locke Second Treatise on Civil Gov</a>	<a href="#">Crash Course US Gov &amp; Politics</a>
<a href="#">MLK Jr., Letter from a Birmingham Jail</a>	<a href="#">AP Gov Required Court Cases</a> (Heimler’s History)
<a href="#">The Declaration of Independence</a>	<a href="#">Washington Post Constitutional Podcast</a>

