**AP U.S. GOVERNMENT SYLLABUS**

Hightower High School

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# COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING GOALS

The goal of the U.S. Government and Politics is to equip students to understand politics and the way their government works so that they can participate as informed, competent, and responsible leaders of their communities. Specifically, students will develop

* knowledge of the principal institutions, concepts, and facts pertaining to U.S. government and politics.
* an understanding of the typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their effects.
* the ability to analyze and interpret historical, quantitative, and graphical data relevant to U.S. government and politics.
* the capacity to critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the American political system, competing political perspectives, and key policy choices facing our society.

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| **CLASS GOALS:** |
| * 100% of students should earn credit for the course.
* 100% of students should demonstrate mastery of objectives on each unit exam and FRQ.
* More students to enroll for AP Exam, Incentive(s) for Enrolling AP Test
* If you show proof you paid for AP US Government Exam and registered for the exam, you can exempt from one of the exams (unit 4-5,1-2,or 3) or drop the lowest exam grades (unit 4-5,1-2,or 3).
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# READINGS

* Resources will be found on Schoology on Unit folders.
* Assessments will be given via Paper
* There will also be a supplementary readings and videos with articles I have selected for you. We will also periodically read pieces dealing with current events.
* We will also use our online textbook often. Not really.

# REQUIRED MATERIALS

* **School Issued Laptop (On**
* Pencils (with erasers)
* Pens (blue or black only)
* Notebook

Students must have ALL required materials in class each day.

# ASSESSMENT AND GRADING POLICY

 3 or MoreMajor Grades- 50% (Unit MC Exam Separate Grade +Unit FRQ Exam Separate Grade)

 6 or More Daily Grades- 50%

**\* Late work is due no later than 6 school days after the due date. \*\*** The maximum grade for late work will be a **70** IF the student turns in the missing assignment within the grace period.

\*\* If you fail to report to an exam. You have one week from date of to receive grade.

\*\*\*You have the option to do the Make-up test can for BOTH FRQ and MC sections OR do test corrections for one but not both sessions of exam.

\*\*\*\* The highest grade for a make-up test is a 75 and have one week to make-up from date of reception.

# RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Be on time and prepared.
2. Respect all individuals and their property.
3. Do your best work.
4. Follow all school rules and directions and stay on task.
5. I will do random questions at the beginning of class, failure to answer correctly will result in phone confiscation.
6. Don’t be Russell Westbrook.
7. HB1481 now in effect, Phones cannot be seen in class.

The consequences for violating rules and policies can include, but are not limited to:

* + Warning
	+ Teacher/student conference
	+ Phone call to parent or guardian
	+ Referral to Assistant Principal

**COURSE PLAN**

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| **Unit #** | **Unit Name** |
| 4 | People and Politics: Political Beliefs, Behavior, and Linkage Institutions |
| 5 | Political Participation |
| 1 | Foundations of American Democracy |
| 2 | Interactions Among Branches of Government |
| 3 | Civil Liberties and Civil Rights |
|  | Review for A.P. ® Exam |

**Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature**