

AP Government

Scope and Sequence 2019-2020

Course Description: The United States Government Advanced Placement course is designed to provide students with an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. Students will also engage in an in-depth study of the various institutions, groups, beliefs and ideas that constitute the U.S. political system. Students are guided to use specific information critically to evaluate general propositions about government and politics, as well as to present basic data relevant to government and politics in sustained written arguments. This course of study is the equivalent of a college introductory course and is available to seniors interested in taking the Advanced Placement examination in U.S. Government.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills: AP Government

Instructional Units	Days**	
First Semester	78	End Date
1 st Grading Period	39	10/18/2019
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	8/27/2019
Unit 1: Foundation of American Democracy	14	9/16/2019
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	20	10/14/2019
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	4	10/18/2019
*2 nd Grading Period	39	12/20/2019
College Financial Planning (First Semester Only)	2	10/22/2019
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	10	11/6/2019
Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	12	11/22/2019
Unit 5: Political Participation	15	12/20/2019

Instructional Units	Days**	
Second Semester	95	End Date
3 rd Grading Period	43	3/6/2020
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	1/6/2020
Unit 1: Foundation of American Democracy	14	1/27/2020
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	20	2/25/2020
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	8	3/6/2020
*4 th Grading Period	52	5/28/2020
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	6	3/23/2020
Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	12	4/8/2020
Unit 5: Political Participation	11	4/24/2020
Review for AP Test	5	5/1/2020
AP Test	1	5/4/2020
Culminating Projects	17	5/28/2020

* Includes time for Final Exams.

**The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.

Instructional Material(s):

We The People, W.W. Norton and Company, Inc., 2013