

COURSE TITLE: American Government CP

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Moderate	30-60 minutes It is important to note that this serves as an estimate of the nightly average homework load. It is not intended to be a concrete value, and homework completion time will depend upon the nature of the assignment and the abilities and work habits of the student	District: Grade 12 only Department Suggestion: American Government CP is recommended for students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possess reading and writing abilities that are at or below grade level (minimum 11th grade level recommended)• Have strong academic interests in other high school disciplines (e.g., Science or Math).• Need guidance with abstract and complex reasoning and thought, or with non-routine critical thinking assessments.• This course is college preparatory; some advanced reading is required.

Course Description:

The American Government course introduces students to the requirements and demands of democratic citizenship. This course will develop informed, responsible participation in American political life by competent citizens committed to the fundamental values and principles of American constitutional democracy. This course students the nature and function of political relationships: citizen-to- citizen, citizen to local community, citizen to state, and citizen to the nation. It provides the students with the foundation essential to understanding the “why” of governmental policy and action. By building a solid foundation of understanding the dynamics of American politics, the course will also stimulate within the student a sense of political efficacy and activism on issues of personal interest. In short, American Government will act as one of the two “finishing courses” of the Social Sciences, preparing students to take their rightful place as full, active, and responsible members of American society while simultaneously integrating in them an appreciation of the past as it relates to the present and preparing them for the possibilities of their future.

Grading:

Teachers employ variations of either the weighted or the cumulative method for determining grades.

Syllabus:

Refer to individual teacher websites.

Supplemental Information:

Homework consists mainly of textbook readings, recall and analysis. Projects and periodic essays may require additional time.