

2021 Advanced Placement® U.S. Government and Politics

About the AP® U.S. Government and Politics Summer Institute

This course prepares the participant to teach AP U.S. Government and Politics. The AP U.S. Government and Politics course introduces students to the foundations of American Democracy, Interactions Among the Branches of Government, Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, American Political Ideologies and Beliefs, and Political Participation in the United States. Strategies include participant. A complete review of the course structure, requirements, and content is provided. Participants will review and develop instructional strategies, assignments, and activities. Sessions will include facilitator presentations, small group discussion, and interactive participation.

Learning Objectives

- Understanding of the U.S. Government and Politics Course and Exam Description (CED)
- Distinguish disciplinary practices and reasoning processes
- Review and develop course syllabus and pacing guide
- Review course content and instructional strategies
- Develop course related assignments and activities
- Practice scoring free response questions

Tentative Agenda

Day 1

Morning

Review of U.S. Government and Politics Course and Exam Description

Afternoon

Review of College Board AP Course specific resources (part 1)

Disciplinary practices and reasoning processes

Foundational Documents

Content Focus: Unit 1

Day 2

Morning

Review Disciplinary practices and reasoning processes (part 2)

Key Supreme Court Cases

Content Focus: Unit 2

Instructional assignments and activities

Afternoon

Content Focus: Unit 3

Instructional assignments and activities

Day 3

Morning

Content Focus: Unit 4

Instructional assignments and activities

Afternoon

Exam development and practice scoring

Day 4

Morning

Content Focus: Unit 5

Instructional assignments and activities

Review of disciplinary practices and reasoning processes

Afternoon

Making civic connections (part 1)

Course syllabus and pacing guide

Day 5

Morning

Making civic connections (part 2)

Special Content Focus: determined by participants

Afternoon

Course instructional assignments and activities group report out

What to Bring

- Computer or tablet
- Internet connection
- Syllabus (if available)
- Textbook (if available)
- Additional instructional materials (if available)

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Dr. Stephen Meinhold is Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and a former Chief Reader for the College Board United States Government and Politics Advanced Placement (AP) program (2016-2020). He has taught United States Government and Politics at UNCW for 25 years and is the co-author of *Judicial Process: Law, Courts, and Politics in the United States*. Dr. Meinhold has been involved with the AP U.S. Government and Politics Program for 20 years including scoring essays, writing questions, and serving on the Curriculum Design and Assessment Committee, and serving as Chief Reader. He is also a member of the College Board's National Academic Assembly (2020-2023).