2018 Advanced Placement® U.S. Government & Politics

About the AP® U.S. Government & Politics Summer Institute
This course is designed to help both new and experienced teachers organize/reorganize an AP course in U.S. Government and Politics (GOPO), select appropriate materials, determine course content, provide techniques and strategies for teaching the course, and provide a better understanding of the AP exam. The focus of the institute will be the redesigned AP GOPO course which will go into effect during the 2018-2019 academic year. With the introduction of the new AP GOPO Curriculum Framework and Exam, teachers will focus on:

- AP GOPO Disciplinary Practices and Reasoning Processes
- Big Ideas in AP GOPO
- Course Units

Institute Goals:
- Familiarize participants with the redesigned AP U.S. GOPO Course and the additional resources provided by the College Board
- Assist participants in preparing a new AP GOPO Syllabus Audit
- Examine a bibliography of materials that can be used and how to incorporate these materials effectively
- Review essential political skills (disciplinary practices and reasoning processes) and develop lesson plans which incorporate those skills
- Explore the 5 Big Ideas of the new course and suggest methods of organizing course content
- Demonstrate strategies to use in the classroom and writing practices to prepare students to write the redesigned free-response essays
- Develop assessments which measure student progress for the redesigned exam.

Tentative Agenda:
Day One: Understanding the Course
- Orientation and Introductions; Questions and Concerns
- Equity and Access/Mindset for Success
- Overview of Redesign/Understanding the Course Changes
- College Board Materials; Pamela Lamb’s Materials
- Materials and Resources for AP GOPO
- Understanding the Course Framework and Exam
- Unit Focus: Constitutional Democracy

Day Two: Planning Your Course
- Instructional Approaches
- Organizing the Course
- Disciplinary Practices and Reasoning Skills
- Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis
- Topic Focus: American Political Culture and Beliefs and Political Participation

Day Three: Teaching the Course
- Writing Strategies for the Redesigned Exam (FRQ essays)
- Required Documents
- The Argument Essay
- Course Audit
- Topic Focus: Interaction Among Branches
Day Four: Pulling It All Together

- Simulations and Activities
- Applied Learning: The Project Requirement
- Review Strategies and Research Projects
- Topic Focus: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Favorite Lessons and Best Practices
- Wrap Up and What’s Next?

**Items you should bring during the week include:**

- a laptop computer or tablet and flash drive (to download and share materials)
- a copy of your classroom syllabus, including scope and sequence
- a copy of your current audit syllabus
- a copy of your school’s academic calendar for 2018-2019
- a copy of the textbook you currently use or plan to use
- a favorite lesson to share
- a best practice to share
- comfortable clothes and shoes for walking in the summer heat
- a light sweatshirt or sweater in case you get chilly in the AC

**Instructor:**
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