

2021-22 AP Government  
Syllabus

**Purpose of class:** This class has two basic aims: 1) to provide students a thorough review and understanding of the American Governmental and Political systems and 2) to prepare students for the AP Government exam.

**Primary Text:** American Government, Wilson & Dilulio, 11th Edition  
American Government Study Guide, Benwari Singh

**Additional Reading Material:** Aristotle, On Politics, Books III & IV  
5 Steps to a 5, Pamela Lamb, 2021  
Handouts – misc. handouts will be provided for students

**Class Schedule:** Every attempt will be made to adhere to the following schedule, but it is likely that some adjustment will be made to allow for flexibility if additional analysis of individual issues is needed.

9/16:	Class Introduction – Chapter 1 – American Government	3-15
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- 4/21: AP Exam Review - 9 Required Historical Documents
- 4/28: AP Exam Review – 15 Required Supreme Court Cases
- 5/5: Current Events Issue Analysis
- 5/12: Current Events Issue Analysis
- 5/19: Current Events Issue Analysis
- 5/26: Current Events Issue Analysis