

## Syllabus for AP Government (US and Comparative)

Creekside High School

Mr. Keefe's Class

### Course Description

The AP Program offers two government courses: AP US Government and AP Comparative Government. Each course is designed to be equivalent to a one semester introductory college course. There are separate AP Exams for each of these courses. Therefore, students have the opportunity to earn credit in two college classes in one year rather than credit in only one class as most other AP classes do. The US course focuses on foundational documents that support our democracy, as well as Supreme Court decisions that help students gain an understanding of the relationships and effects on political institutions and citizens. The Comparative course introduces students to the diversity of political life outside the US. The six countries covered include: China, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia and the United Kingdom.

### Books for this class include:

Textbook **Government**: Edwards, George, Martin Wattenberg and Robert Lineberry. *Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy*. AP Edition 2016 Presidential Election, 17<sup>th</sup> Edition, Pearson, 2018

Textbook **Comparative**: Kesselman, Mark, Joel Krieger. *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, 7th/AP Edition, Wadworth Publishing (Cengage), 2016

Study Guide **Government**: Walford, David. *AMSCO AP US Government and Politics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Perfection Learning, 2021

Study Guide **Comparative**: Students should get a study guide that they find helpful. One that is out of print but still good if you can find it: *AP Comparative Government and Politics: An Essential Coursebook* by Ethel Wood, Sixth Edition, WoodYard Publications, 2013

### Supplies:

- paper for note taking
- some type of notebook/binder to keep track of material (It's up to you what kind or how you arrange but there will be information for this course you need to keep organized and available).
- pencils and pens

### **Make-Up Work Policy:**

**Missed Assignments:** Students are responsible for getting information on missed assignments the first day they return from an absence. Students will most likely have extended readings to complete as a substitute for the class they missed, or they could be instructed to check the websites for assignment details. There may also be times that notes will need to be copied from another student.

**Missed Test/Quizzes:** Make-ups may not be identical to those given in class and more than likely could be essay in nature. Official make-up of summative will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the auditorium or other announced location at 8:00am. The retake procedure will be described in class.

### **Grading Criteria for the Class:**

- Complete formative assignments
- Take tests that are given including any review tests
- Complete reading assignments from textbook and any additional readings selected by beyond the textbook
- Complete any project(s) that may be assigned

### **Grading Scale:**

- 89.5 to 100 = A
- 79.5 to 89.4 = B
- 69.5 to 79.4 = C
- 59.5 to 69.4 = D
- Below 59.5 = F

#### **Remind Code:**

Period 4 = p4apcomp

Period 5 = p5apcomp

#### **AP Codes for AP Classroom:**

Period 4 = 4ALGAG for AP GOV      ZNNVAG for AP COMP

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Period 5 = 46L7MX for AP GOV      Q3LEZ6 for AP COMP

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