

AP U.S. Government & Politics

Integrated with Statecraft: The Situation Room Simulation

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Course Description & Simulation Integration

This course introduces the fundamentals of American government, analyzing political institutions and behavior. Unlike traditional courses, this curriculum integrates 'Statecraft', a high-stakes simulation where students assume the roles of key government actors (President, Congress, Media). Students will not just study gridlock and diplomacy—they will experience it firsthand.

Grading Breakdown

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| • Midterm & Final Exams | 40% |
| • Statecraft Simulation Performance | 15% |
| • Response Papers (Policy Analysis) | 20% |
| • Weekly Assignments / Quizzes | 15% |
| • In-Class Participation | 10% |

Academic Honesty & AI Policy

The use of AI-generated content (ChatGPT, etc.) for papers is strictly prohibited unless authorized. However, the Statecraft Simulation features an 'AI Firewall'—students cannot use AI to generate diplomatic outcomes. All simulation interactions require authentic human negotiation. Violations will result in disciplinary action.

Course Schedule & Simulation Phases

Week 1: The Citizen & Government

Simulation Activity: Orientation: Statecraft Login

General Government Concept

Week 2: The Constitution & Founding

Simulation Activity: AP Unit 1: Foundations

AP Unit 1: Foundations of American Democracy

Week 3: Federalism

Simulation Activity: Sim Period 0: Intro Session

AP Unit 1: Foundations of American Democracy

Week 4: Civil Rights & Liberties

Simulation Activity: Sim Period 1: Agenda Setting

AP Unit 3: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights

Week 5: Public Opinion & Polling

Simulation Activity: Sim Period 2: Polling Data Release

AP Unit 5: Political Participation

Week 6: The Media

Simulation Activity: Sim Period 3: Crisis & Leaks

AP Unit 5: Political Participation

Week 8: Congress (Legislative Branch)

Simulation Activity: Sim Period 4: Budget Negotiation

AP Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches**Week 9: The Presidency**

Simulation Activity: Sim Period 5: Veto Power

AP Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches**Week 11: The Judiciary**

Simulation Activity: Sim Period 6: Supreme Court Review

AP Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches**Week 15: Domestic & Economic Policy**

Simulation Activity: Final Period: Election Results

General Government Concept