

Government Recommendations

Expectations	AP Government (Fast-Paced College Environment)	Government Honors (College Prep)	Government
Reading Homework:	6-8 pages per night 35-40 pages per week	3-4 pages per night 10-15 pages per week	1-2 pages per night 5-7 pages per week
Writing Homework:	Notes on <u>nightly</u> reading Weekly current event analysis Weekly vocabulary, charts, short answer response, cartoons, and political maps.	Notes on nightly reading, political map analysis, current event analysis, cartoon analysis and vocabulary.	Section review questions and political maps/charts. Current events topical identification
In class Note-Taking:	Daily note-taking on lectures and discussions	Daily note-taking on lectures and discussions	Notes on lectures
Essay Assignments	6 AP Free Response essays per quarter	3 in-class essays per quarter 1 take home essay	1-2 current events essays per quarter
Critical Thinking:	Analysis of 3-4 primary sources a week	Analysis of 1 primary source a week	Analysis of 1 primary source biweekly
Participation:	Active daily participation	Active daily participation	Active daily participation
Assessment (per week):	Possible daily quizzes Weekly reading quizzes Biweekly chapter and/or unit tests	A weekly reading quiz and chapter and/or unit tests every 2-3 weeks Quarterly thematic projects	Bi-weekly quizzes and monthly unit tests. Quarterly thematic projects
Attendance:	Attendance is critical to be successful in this class. There is no substitute for daily lectures, teacher led discussions and consistent participation.	Attendance is critical to be successful in this class.	Attendance is critical to be successful in this class.
Maturity/Responsibility:	Responsible young adult with a good work ethic and a positive attitude. Intrinsicly motivated to achieve a deeper understanding of thematic concepts and to gain an in-depth knowledge of the subject matter.	Responsible young adult with a good work ethic and a positive attitude. The student possesses a desire to achieve on a higher level. The student possesses a level of maturity commensurate with the ability to discuss sensitive topics.	Responsible young adult with a good work ethic and a positive attitude.

AP Key Points:

- The class must be a priority due to the level of difficulty, pace, and time required.
- Fast paced-the AP course curriculum will be completed by May.
- Possess the ability to take notes from lectures
- Geared towards success in collegiate political science programs and on the AP Government exam
- Self-motivated- must read and take notes independently

AP* Courses allow students to define their scholarly strengths and weaknesses with a national standard and more clearly compare their academic progress against other students around the country and world.

AP* and Honors Courses serve as an indicator to college admission officers that students are dedicated and willing to accept challenges in their education.