

DE US GOVERNMENT

Teaches the political structure, processes, institutions, and policymaking of the US national government. Focuses on the three branches of government, their interrelationships, and how they shape policy.

Addresses federalism; civil liberties and civil rights; political socialization and participation; public opinion, the media; interest groups; political parties; elections; and policymaking. The assignments in the course require college-level reading fluency and coherent communication through written reports.

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Prerequisites

- No Prerequisites

[Expectations and Assessments](#)

Who should take it

- Students who will major in STEM and want to earn core humanities credits
- Students who want to develop skills useful in collegiate-level classes

Instructional Approaches

- Class discussions
- Collaborative work
- 4 Collaborative assessments
- 4 Cumulative assessments
- 8 Quarterly projects
- Writing and reading intensive class



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Work time Expectations and Course Structure

- Students are expected to read assigned chapter readings from their choice of two textbooks
- In class, students will engage in discussions and work on group projects and learning activities to deepen their understanding of essential course concepts

SKILLS

- Reading and analyzing primary and secondary sources
- Writing short and long-essay responses
- Participating in discussions and collaborative projects
- Managing time effectively to meet course deadlines

What are the AP Assessments for this class?

Summative Assessments
70%

Assessments (8), Major Projects (8), and Case Method Institute Discussions

Formative Assessments
30%

Classwork, Discussions (Deliberations and Course Readings), and Content Review



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