

AP Comparative Government and Politics Course and Exam Description

AP Comparative Government and Politics Course Overview

AP Comparative Government and Politics introduces students to the rich diversity of political life outside the United States. The course uses a comparative approach to examine the political structures; policies; and political, economic, and social challenges of six selected countries: China, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, and the United Kingdom. Students compare the effectiveness of approaches to many global issues by examining how different governments solve similar problems. They will also engage in disciplinary practices that require them to read and interpret data, make comparisons and applications, and develop evidence-based arguments.

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for AP Comparative Government and Politics.

AP Comparative Government and Politics Course Content

- Unit 1: Political Systems, Regimes, and Governments
- Unit 2: Political Institutions
- Unit 3: Political Culture and Participation
- Unit 4: Party and Electoral Systems and Citizen Organizations
- Unit 5: Political and Economic Changes and Development

Big Ideas

- Big Idea 1: Power and Authority
- Big Idea 2: Legitimacy and Stability
- Big Idea 3: Democratization
- Big Idea 4: Internal/External Forces
- Big Idea 5: Methods of Political Analysis

Disciplinary Practices

The following disciplinary practices describe what skills students should develop during the course:

- Concept Application
 - ◆ Apply political concepts and processes in authentic contexts.
- Country Comparison
 - ◆ Compare political concepts and processes among the course countries (China, Iran,

Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, and the United Kingdom).

■ Data Analysis

◆ Analyze and interpret quantitative data represented in tables, charts, graphs, maps, and infographics.

■ Source Analysis

◆ Read, analyze, and interpret text-based sources.

■ Argumentation

◆ Develop an argument in essay format.

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UNIT 1 POLITICAL SYSTEMS, REGIMES, AND GOVERNMENTS	
1.1	The Practice of Political Scientists
1.2	Defining Political Organizations
1.3	Democracy vs. Authoritarianism
1.4	Democratization
1.5	Sources of Power and Authority
1.6	Change in Power and Authority
1.7	Federal and Unitary Systems
1.8	Political Legitimacy
1.9	Sustaining Legitimacy
1.10	Political Stability
UNIT 2 POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS	
2.1	Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems
2.2	Comparing Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems
2.3	Executive Systems
2.4	Executive Term Limits
2.5	Removal of Executives

2.6 Legislative Systems

2.7 Independent Legislatures

2.8 Judicial Systems

2.9 Independent Judiciaries

UNIT 3 POLITICAL CULTURE AND PARTICIPATION

3.1 Civil Society

3.2 Political Culture

3.3 Political Ideologies

3.4 Political Values and Beliefs

3.5 Nature and Role of Political Participation

3.6 Forces that Impact Political Participation

3.7 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

3.8 Political and Social Cleavages

3.9 Challenges from Political and Social Cleavages

UNIT 4

4.1 Electoral Systems and Rules

4.2 Objectives of Election Rules

4.3 Political Party Systems

4.4 Role of Political Party Systems

4.5 Impact of Social Movements and interest Groups

4.6 Pluralist and Corporatist Interests

UNIT 5 POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT	
5.1	Impact of Global Economic and Technological Forces
5.2	Political Responses to Global Market Forces
5.3	Challenges from Globalization
5.4	Policies and Economic Liberalization
5.5	International and Supranational Organizations
5.6	Adaptation of Social Policies
5.7	Impact of Industrialization and Economic Development
5.8	Causes and Effects of Demographic Change
5.9	Impact of Natural Resources

AP Comparative Government and Politics EXAM: 2 Hours 30 minutes

The AP Comparative Government and Politics Exam assesses student understanding of the disciplinary practices and learning objectives outlined in the course framework. The exam is 2 hours and 30 minutes long and includes 55 multiple-choice questions and 4 free-response questions.

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