



**VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
CHARTING THE COURSE

***Department of Teaching & Learning***  
***Parent/Student Course Information***

***Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics***  
***(SO 2445)***  
***One United States Government credit, One year***  
***Grade 12***

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics is offered to the serious student who desires the challenge of a college-level course in high school. The course will give students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States through the investigation of Constitutional and political institutions and behaviors. Extensive reading and writing are required. Students will complete an online virtual course while enrolled in this class. The embedded virtual course consists of five modules that students will access independent of supervised class time. Students are expected to take the Advanced Placement Examination in May. College credit may be granted, subject to the requirements of the college or university.

**PREREQUISITE**

Virginia and United States History

or

Advanced Placement United States History

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

None

**REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK**

*Government in America: People, Politics and Policy*, 15<sup>th</sup>ed. (Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2011)

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

The teacher may choose to supplement textbooks with materials to extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from Classroom in Context (CLiC), which is a set of online resource databases, as well as daily newspapers, periodicals, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

For more information on this or any other Advanced Placement course, visit College Board Online at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org).

**STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVES**  
**ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

Please follow the link below to view the standards for Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics from the College Board Website.

[ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS](#)

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