

Course Name: AP Comparative Government and Politics

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

No Prerequisites

WHAT this course is about:

Course Overview

AP Comparative Government and Politics is an introductory college-level course in comparative government and politics. 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 foster their understanding of comparative government and politics through analysis of data and text-based sources as they explore topics like power and authority, legitimacy and stability, democratization, internal and external forces, and methods of political analysis.

WHY take this course:

AP Comparative Government and Politics is a course that **can earn students college credit**. The course focuses on political systems in countries outside the United States. Students interested in politics and international relations may find this class worthwhile

WHAT you'll learn:

Course Content

The course framework specifies what students should know and be able to do to, with a focus on big ideas that encompass core principles, theories, and processes of the discipline. The framework also encourages instruction that prepares students for advanced comparative political science coursework and to be active and informed about politics abroad.

The AP Comparative Government and Politics course looks at 6 specific countries **China, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, and the United Kingdom** and is organized into five units of study. Political Systems, Regimes, and Governments, Political Institutions,

Political Culture and Participation, Party and Electoral Systems and Citizen Organization, Political and Economic Changes and Development.

WHAT you'll do:

Disciplinary Practices

The AP Comparative Government and Politics course outlines distinct skills, called disciplinary practices, that students should practice throughout the year—practices that will help them learn to think and act like comparative political scientists. Skills include applying political concepts and processes, country comparisons, data analysis, source analysis and argumentation.

WHERE this could take you:

This course can earn you a college credit, prepare you for post-secondary life, a career in political science, become a more informed citizen and about politics abroad.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

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