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SYLLABUS

**AP 537.100 PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE AP EXAM: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND
POLITICS**

MONDAY, JULY 8– FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

8:30AM – 4:00PM (MON. – THURS.)

8:30AM – 1:00PM (FRIDAY)

Course Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course participants will be able to:

- Design and implement an AP U.S. Government and Politics course.
- Develop activities and assessments to build students' proficiencies in the disciplinary practices and reasoning processes.
- Implement strategies to prepare students for the AP Exam.
- Devise or revise a syllabus to align with course requirements.
- Make equitable access a guiding principle in designing instruction.

Day 1

- Introductory Activity
- Introduction to Curricular Requirements and Syllabus Development

- Equity and Access
- Understanding the Course Framework
- The Redesigned Exam Format
- Disciplinary Practices in the FRQs
- Integrating the Required Documents

Day 2

- Introduction to Planning and Development of Unit Guides
- Selection of Texts and Materials for AP Courses in U. S. Government and Politics
- The National Constitution Center's Interactive Constitution
- Reading and Analyzing Required Documents
- Analyzing and interpreting Qualitative Visuals
- Planning Your Course
- Planning and Developing Unit Guides

Day 3

- Tour of Instructional Approaches
- Analyzing and Comparing Supreme Court Cases
- Analyzing Quantitative Data
- Connect and Apply Concepts
- Writing an Argument Essay Like a Political Scientist
- Planning and Developing Unit Guides (continued)

Day 4

- Valuable Classroom Simulations and Activities
- Applied Learning/Best Practices Sharing

Day 5

- Group Presentations of Unit Guides for Units 1 - 5
- Debriefing/Evaluations