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**AP 537.300 PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE AP EXAM: UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**MONDAY, JULY 11 – FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022
8:30AM – 4:00PM (MON. – THURS.); 8:30– 12:30PM (FRI.)**

SYLLABUS

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

- Design, plan and implement an AP U.S. Government and Politics course.
- Develop a familiarity with the components and content of the Course and Exam Description (CED) binder and make connections to the Curricular Requirements.
- Develop a curriculum, including activities and assessments, for all units, topics and skills of the course.
- Implement various instructional strategies and tools to teach the content and skills in the Course and Exam Description and to prepare students for the AP Exam.
- Devise or revise a syllabus to align with course requirements.
- Make equitable access and attention to diversity and inclusion a guiding principle in designing instruction.
- Develop a familiarity with and utilize AP Classroom and AP Daily.
- Leverage the data in AP Classroom and interpret data within the Instructional Planning Report to identify student strengths and weaknesses and reflect on implications for instruction.

Day 1

Course Introduction

- Introductory Activity
- Diversity & Inclusion and Equity & Access
- Introduction to Curricular Requirements and Syllabus Development
- The Practice of Political Science: Disciplinary Practices and Reasoning Processes
- The Redesigned Exam Format

The Course and Exam Description (CED)

- Course and Exam Description Binder
 - Understanding the AP US Government Course
 - Understanding the Unit Guides
 - Spiraling and Scaffolding
- Applied Learning: The Political Science Research or Applied Civics Project

Day 2

AP Classroom & AP Daily

- Overview of AP Classroom
- Using Personal Progress Checks (PPCs)
- Using the Progress Dashboard
- Using the Question Bank (Including Practice Exams)
- Using AP Daily

Instructional Resources

- The National Constitution Center's Interactive Constitution
- Other Resources from the National Constitution Center
- Street Law Resources
- AP Central and the AP Teacher Community
- Selection of Texts and Other Resources

Day 3

Strategies and Pedagogical Tools

- Tour of Instructional Approaches
- Reading and Analyzing Required Documents
- Analyzing and interpreting Visuals
- Connecting and Applying Concepts
- Analyzing Quantitative Data
- Analyzing and Comparing Supreme Court Cases
- Writing an Argument Essay Like a Political Scientist

Developing Unit Guides

- Introduction to Planning and Developing Unit Guides
- Planning and Developing Curriculum for Selected Units

Day 4

The AP Exam

- Preparing Students for the Multiple-Choice and Free Response Questions
- Scoring the Exam

Unit Guides Presentations

- Participant Sharing Session of Unit Guides for Units 1 – 5

Day 5

Assess and Reflect

- Reflecting on Implications to Inform Future Instruction: Using the IPR (Instructional Planning Report) to identify student strengths and weaknesses.
- Final Questions
- Evaluations and Closure

Grade and Transcript Information

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