

Welcome to AP U.S. Government & Politics

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Units of Study

AP U.S. Government and Politics is a college-level year-long course that not only seeks to prepare students for success on the AP Exam in May, but also provide students with the political knowledge and reasoning processes to participate meaningfully and thoughtfully in discussions and debates that are currently shaping American Politics and society.

Unit 1



Foundations of American Democracy

Unit 2



American Political Ideologies and Beliefs

Unit 3



Political Participation

Unit 4



Interactions Among the Branches of Government

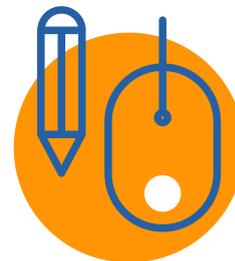
Unit 5



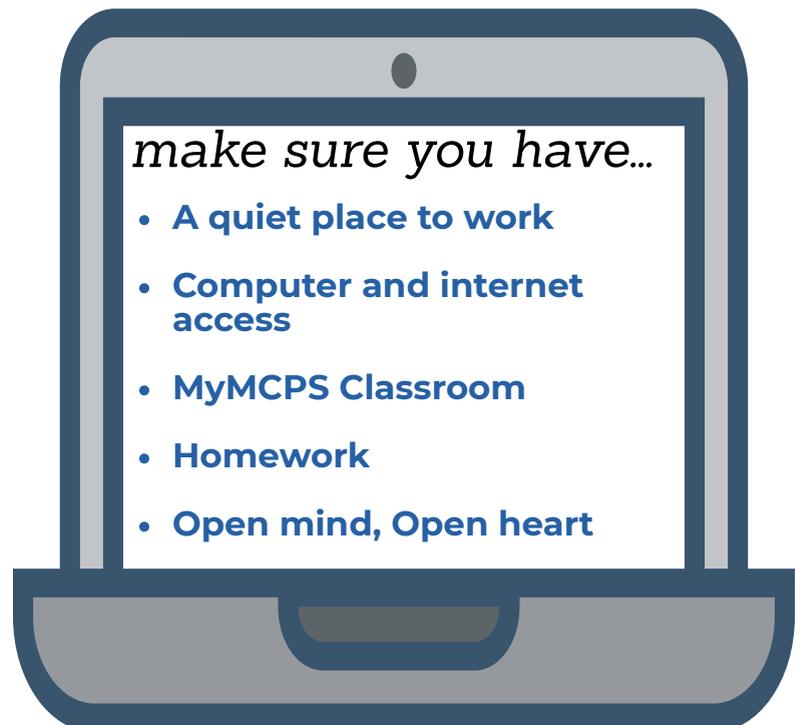
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights



- treat peers and the instructor with respect
- follow the school code of conduct
- arrive to class on time
- come to class prepared to learn
- keep notes organized



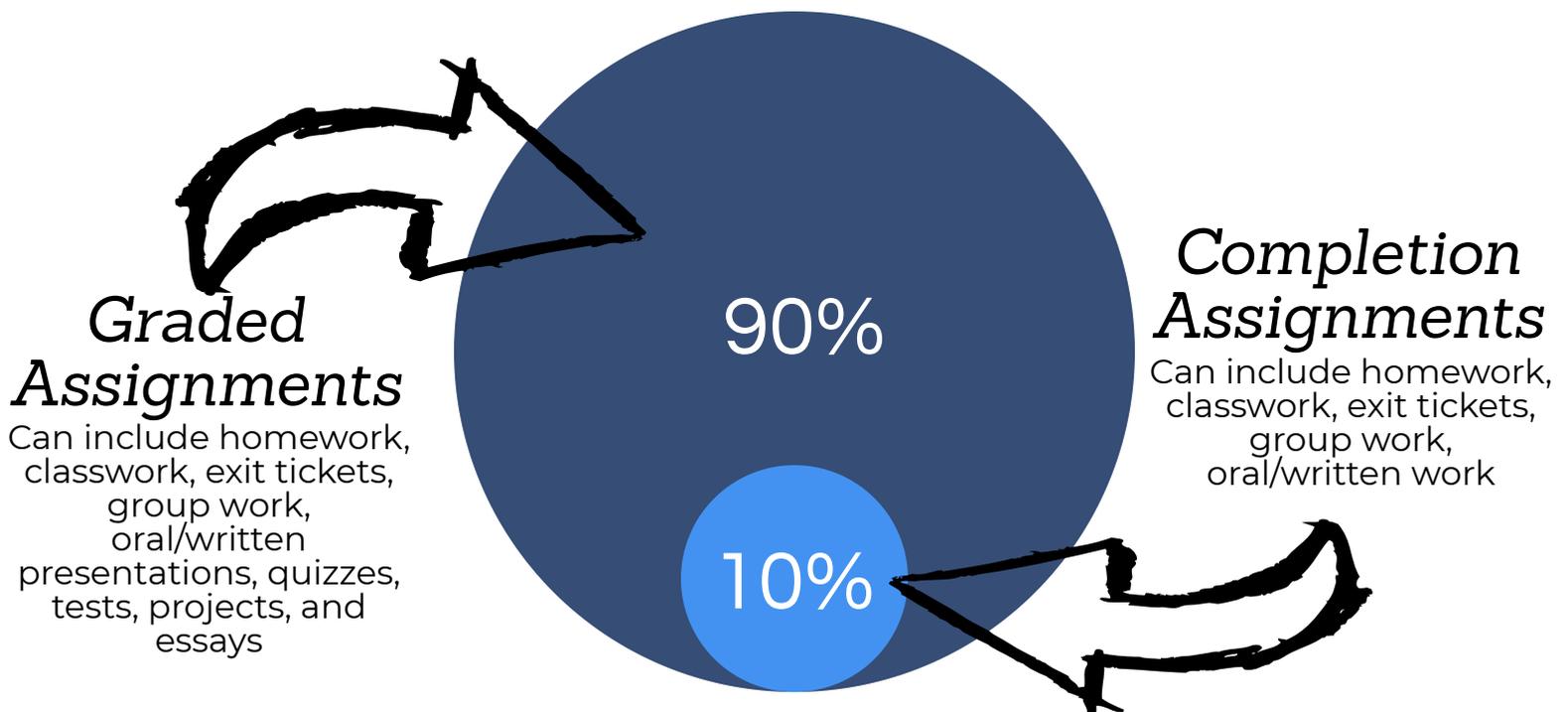
distance
LEARNING





Grading Policy

Your understanding of the material is the most important factor to me, not your grade. This class can earn your college credit and is assessed as a college course.



FAQ

Other classroom policies that will help guide student behavior and engagement this year.

Can I submit late work?

Late work will be accepted with a **10% penalty** up to **three class periods** after the assignment was due. **Communication is key!** If something is preventing you from getting your work done, please talk to me so we can work out a plan that is best for you!

Can I redo work if I don't like the grade?

Yes! Student will be able to engage in **metacognitive reassessment**, by looking over their multiple choice quizzes and writing reflections on the content and process. This activity will earn them points back on their original quiz. Students will need to **formally request reassessment** and will need to bring their notes to go over and use.

What do I do if I'm absent from class?

Students are responsible for making up all worked missed while they are absent from class. Work **must be made up within three days of returning to school**. Students should check on **MyMCPS, with their study group, and with Ms. Stelzner** to receive copies of all handouts, notes, and assignments missed during the absence. Students should make arrangements to get extra help during lunch or after school if needed.

What textbook will we be using during distance learning?

We will use an open source **college-level American government textbook** created by professors at Rice University. **American Government 2e** will be provided to students electronically through MyMCPS Classroom. Hard copies of each chapter will also be available for pick-up in the Main Office at Blair if students need to do so.

Will we have homework and studying to do outside of class?

For most of you, this is your first AP class. You should know that this is a **college-level class** and expectations for students will be high. You are expected to read and do the homework in order to **be prepared for class**. Homework may not always be checked, but it is assigned in order to aid understanding of the content and skills. I will work with you to **develop good study habits**, but you must also start to **make good choices** - pay attention in class, do all the homework, and meet with me before the test when you have a questions.