

## **Troy High School Course Profile**

**Course Title:** AP American Government

**Course Prerequisites:** Please Refer to Registration Presentation

**Course Description:** Students entering this course should already have a mastery of the following concepts and possess the following skills:

- The goal of this course is to increase students' understanding of the American political system, its framework, traditions and values, and to have each student successfully pass the AP exam. This course is concerned with the nature of the American political system, its development over the past two hundred plus years, and how it works today in the twenty-first century. We will examine in detail the principle processes and institutions through which the political system functions, as well as various public policies which these institutions establish and how they implement them.
- Although the class is lecture/discussion based, there are also experiential activities and simulations for students to learn by political emersion.
- NOTE: Due to this being a nationally recognized course, the standards are modified; the California standards for Government can be accessed through the following link: [www.fjuhsd.net/pages/services/education/standards.htm](http://www.fjuhsd.net/pages/services/education/standards.htm). Troy's course syllabus for AP American Government has been approved by the AP College Board.

Workload Expectations for this course (list typical amount of homework, projects, presentations, papers, etc.):

- Homework will vary by Course Unit, but typically there will be some form of homework on average 2-3 nights a week. There will be In-class assignments, a couple of short projects and simulations which will require students to spend a couple of hours a week at home to complete.
- There is one assigned textbook reading/writing assignments due 5 times over the course of the semester.
- So, overall, students who are in class daily, keeping pace with the curriculum, should not have more than a few hours of outside work per week.