

AP Government & Politics and AP Macroeconomics Application

Note: You can take one of these courses without taking the other, but since they are the only semester-long AP courses we offer, the vast majority of students take AP Gov 1st semester and AP Macro 2nd semester. For that reason, there is only one application.

Student: Complete all components of this application and submit by **Friday, March 27th** to Mrs. Stephanie Zimmerman. This application process does not guarantee your position in this course. Your selection to this course will be contingent on both teacher recommendations and past academic performance. Completing work in a timely fashion is critical in AP classes. The first test of your ability to manage due dates is turning this application in on time. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

Unique characteristic for this course:

- AP Government & Politics will end in December 2026, but the AP exam won't be until May 2027, so it will require initiative on your part to retain your knowledge and prepare for the exam.

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Current Social Studies Class: _____

Current Social Studies Teacher: _____

Grades in that class: 1st quarter _____, 2nd quarter _____, Current (3rd quarter) _____

Would you consider yourself to have strong study skills? Explain your reasons.

___ Yes ___ No

Are you self-motivated? _____ yes _____ no

Are you capable of independent study? _____ yes _____ no

AP courses are very demanding and rigorous. Are you willing to devote study time each day outside of school to be successful in this course? _____ yes _____ no

By taking this course you will be required to take both AP exams at the end of the school year. Passing these exams could result in college credit. Are you willing to do all that you can in order to be successful on these exams? _____ yes _____ no

Are you planning on being involved in extracurricular activities and/or sports next year? _____ yes _____ no
If so, what activities/sports?

Are you interested in taking both AP Gov and AP Macro? _____ yes _____ no

If not, which one are you most interested in? Why?

Why do you wish to be considered for one or both of these courses?

Is there anything not asked on this application that you wish me to consider during the selection process?

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Note: The writing requirement outlined on this page applies to AP Government and Politics and is sufficient for both courses. However, if you plan to take ONLY AP Macro during the second semester, please see me to discuss the writing requirement.

AP Government and Politics Writing Prompt:

(this must be completed to be considered for this course)

The United States government was founded on principles of democracy, federalism, and the protection of individual rights. Reflect on how these principles shape your understanding of government and politics.

In **typed** 300–500 word essay, discuss one principle that resonates with you the most and explain why it is essential in maintaining a functioning democracy. Use specific examples, either from current events, historical moments, or personal experiences, to illustrate your point.

Finally, describe how studying AP Government and Politics will help you better understand and contribute to civic life.

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RECOMMENDATION**

Student: Please print this Recommendation form and have your current history teacher fill it out and return to my box. If I am your current history teacher, please ask a former history teacher to fill it out.

High School History Teachers: please complete this form honestly and return to Mrs. Stephanie Zimmerman. The student will NOT see this form or be advised as to what you have recommended. The final decision is made by Mrs. Zimmerman, who takes all recommendations into consideration.

Student's Name _____

Please consider the following characteristics of the candidate in making your recommendation:

- Commitment to intellectual pursuits
- Ability to deal with abstract concepts
- Self-expression in writing and speech
- Capacity for independent study
- Ability to accept and apply constructive criticism
- Exemplary attendance
- Overall dedication and commitment to academics
- Always exceeding expectations

Recommendation:

- Highly recommended
 Recommended
 Recommended with reservation
 Not recommended

Comments:

History Teacher's Signature: _____