

Course #	Class Title				Instructor		Instructor Fee*	Materials Fee*
	<b>Comparative American Government and Politics</b>				Michael McComas		\$80	\$15
Grades	Class Days	# Semesters	# Weeks/Sem.	Credit Hrs*	Min # Students	Max # Students	Last Day to Add New Students	
11-12	Tues	2	15	1	3	15	3rd Week	
Pre-Requisites							2nd semester: New Students?	
none							N/A	
Required Materials (To Be Supplied by Family)								
Krutz "American Government" Available for download at openstax.org <a href="https://d3bxy9euw4e147.cloudfront.net/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/AmericanGovernment-OP_xdiETGS.pdf">https://d3bxy9euw4e147.cloudfront.net/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/AmericanGovernment-OP_xdiETGS.pdf</a> will be notified in advance of any additional required materials once they have been determined								Students
Description								
The fundamentals of government on the national, state and local levels will be examined, including the three branches of government, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, and the development and role of political parties. There will be an emphasis on the electoral process as the presidential (as well as other elections) will be closely followed. This course provides an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. After completing their study of the American government and political system (approximately the first half of the school year) students will apply that knowledge in a comparative study of 3-4 other countries and their governmental and political systems.								
Homework / Expectations / Other Info								
Students will be expected to do assigned reading outside of class (approximately 30 pages per week) and complete assignments from those readings that will prepare the student for in class discussion. There will also be at least 4 tests over the course of the class as well as an in-class presentation. Students will also be assigned short writing assignments, 2-3 over the course of the class.								

\*Class Fees and Instructor Fees are per semester unless otherwise indicated in the Other Information. Materials fee is non-refundable.

\* Credit Hours: COVE does not issue high school credits. These are suggested credit hours to be assigned by the parents. Suggested grade is given by teachers. Final grade assignment is the responsibility of the parent.