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Your Course at a Glance

Plan

The Course at a Glance provides a useful visual organization of the AP U.S. Government and Politics curricular components, including:

- Sequence of units, along with approximate weighting and suggested pacing. Please note, pacing options are provided for teaching the course for a full year and for a single semester.
- Progression of topics within each unit, including the location of required foundational documents or Supreme Court cases.
- Spiraling of the big ideas and practices across units.

Teach

DISCIPLINARY PRACTICES
Disciplinary practices spiral across units.

1 Concept Application	**4** Source Analysis
2 SCOTUS Application	**5** Argumentation
3 Data Analysis	

BIG IDEAS
Big ideas spiral across units.

CON Constitutionalism	**PMI** Competing Policy-Making Interests
LOR Liberty and Order	
PRD Civic Participation in a Representative Democracy	**MPA** Methods of Political Analysis

FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND SUPREME COURT CASES

- 📜 Foundational Document
- ⚖ Supreme Court Case

Assess

Assign the Personal Progress Checks—either as homework or in class—for each unit. Each Personal Progress Check contains formative multiple-choice and free-response questions. The feedback from the Personal Progress Checks shows students the areas where they need to focus.

UNIT 1 — Foundations of American Democracy

~16/~8 Class Periods	15–22% AP Exam Weighting

LOR	1.1	Ideals of Democracy 📜
	1.2	Types of Democracy 📜
CON 1	1.3	Government Power and Individual Rights 📜
CON 4	1.4	Challenges of the Articles of Confederation 📜
CON 1	1.5	Ratification of the United States Constitution 📜
PMI 4	1.6	Principles of American Government 📜
CON 5	1.7	Relationship Between States and the Federal Government 📜
CON 2	1.8	Constitutional Interpretations of Federalism 📜 ⚖
CON 5	1.9	Federalism in Action

UNIT 2 — Interactions Among Branches of Government

~28/~14 Class Periods	25–36% AP Exam Weighting

CON 1	2.1	Congress: The Senate and the House of Representatives 📜
CON 3	2.2	Structures, Powers, and Functions of Congress 📜
CON 2	2.3	Congressional Behavior ⚖
CON 3	2.4	Roles and Powers of the President 📜
CON 1	2.5	Checks on the Presidency
CON 4	2.6	Expansion of Presidential Power 📜
CON 1	2.7	Presidential Communication
CON 2	2.8	The Judicial Branch 📜 ⚖
CON 1	2.9	Legitimacy of the Judicial Branch
CON 1	2.10	The Court in Action
CON 1	2.11	Checks on the Judicial Branch
CON 4	2.12	The Bureaucracy
CON 1	2.13	Discretionary and Rule-Making Authority
CON 3	2.14	Holding the Bureaucracy Accountable
PMI 3	2.15	Policy and the Branches of Government

Personal Progress Check 1
Multiple-choice: ~20 questions
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
- Argument Essay (partial)
- Argument Essay (partial)

Personal Progress Check 2
Multiple-choice: ~45 questions
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
- Quantitative Analysis
- SCOTUS Comparison

NOTE: Partial versions of the free-response questions are provided to prepare students for more complex, full questions that they will encounter

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COURSE AT A GLANCE

1 Unit
Course content is organized into commonly-taught units.

2 Pacing
Pacing recommendations provide suggestions for how to teach the required course content and administer the Personal Progress Checks

3 Weighting
Weightings indicate the percentage of the MCQ section of the AP Exam that comes from a unit's content.

4 Topic
Each unit is broken down into teachable segments called topics.

5 Skills
Skills describe what a student should be able to do while exploring course content. Like Big Ideas, they spiral throughout the course.

6 Big Ideas
Big Ideas, or themes, spiral throughout the course and allow students to make connections between concepts.

7 Personal Progress Checks
Personal Progress Checks contain formative multiple-choice and free-response questions. The feedback from the Personal Progress Checks shows students the areas where they need to focus.

UNIT AT A GLANCE

1 Course

Easy access to the CED and available resources for the overall course, such as lab manuals and student workbooks.

2 Unit

Every unit has it's own tab to enable easy access to all related resources.

3 Unit Guide

This is a PDF of just this unit's guide from the CED

4 Teaching and Assessing Module

If available in your course (shown here as Teacher Modules, we are updating this to say Teaching and Assessing Module)

5 Question Bank

This will show you every question aligned to this unit in the bank

6 Topic

This will open the topic page in the unit guide.

7 Skill

Click any skill, color-coded to match the CED, to view the full description

8 Topic Question

This will show you the questions aligned to each topic and skill in the Question Bank.

9 Personal Progress Checks

Preview the Personal Progress Checks MCQ and FRQ sections by clicking each test name to view the questions before you assign. Students will see the personal progress checks as locked assignments until you choose to unlock or assign for a future start and end date and time. Unlock the teach by clicking the lock icon.

CLASS PROGRESS

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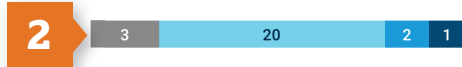## Class Progress

Period 1   ‹ › ＋

Latest Results

Actions

1 Unit 1 Progress Check: MCQ | 2 | 2 | 14 | 8 |

Assignments in Progress

2 Unit 1 Progress Check: FRQ | 3 | 20 | 2 | 1 |

3 [2 submissions to score]

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Units

| Course | Unit 1 ✓ | Unit 2 ● | Unit 3 | Unit 4 | Unit 5 |

Foundations of American Democracy

Instructional Periods ~12–15
AP Exam Weighting 15–20%

⬇ Unit Guide   ✍ Teacher Module   ❓ Question Bank   ▦ Progress Dashboard

Topics   **Practices & Skills**

① Ideals of Democracy   1.D   ❓ Topic Questions

② Types of Democracy   4.A   ❓ Topic Questions

③ Government Power and Individual Rights   1.B   ❓ Topic Questions

④ Challenges of the Articles of Confederation   4.B   ❓ Topic Questions

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CLASS PROGRESS

1 Latest Results

Latest results you can click to view class and student results right here.

2 Assignments in Progress

Latest progress so you can see which students still need to submit their tests.

3 Scoring Student Work

If you've assigned any FRQ online, you'll see when they're ready to score here. You can also enter student scores for paper tests.

PROGRESS DASHBOARD

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Progress Dashboard

| Course Summary | Skill Summary | Topic Summary |

1 → [Central School Distr... ⌄] [Fairview High Schoo... ⌄] [Period 1 ⌄] [Search students 🔍] [All units ⌄]

| Multiple-Choice | Free Response |

2 → [0 - 24.99%] [25 - 49.99%] [50 - 74.99%] [75 - 100%]   ☐ Participation   Export

Points Possible	21	45	30	30	27
Students ⇕	Unit 1 ⇕	Unit 2 ⇕	Unit 3 ⇕	Unit 4 ⇕	Unit 5 ⇕
3 → Period 1	13	25	19	13	10
4 → Amelia Brown	15	42	30	19	4
August Chung	21	10	6	14	19
Chloe Robinson	4	19	18	5	
Dewi Romero	15	42	30	19	4
Dustin Magana	21	10	6	14	19
Evie Kelly	4	19	18	5	
Flynn Walter	15	42	30	19	4
	21	10	6	14	19

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1 Views and Navigation

Teachers will be able to view results for any class or student they teach and focus on particular unit content or skills to identify areas for growth.

2 Color Key

A color key defines the performance bands and their colors for easy reference.

3 Class Name

Period 1 shows the class average for every unit.

4 Student Name

Amelia Brown is a student, as are all the names that follow. When Amelia accesses her Progress Dashboard, she'll only be able to see her own results.

QUESTION BANK

1 Create Tab

This tab shows every question available to teachers – in this case, we only see 4 because we've filtered to view only the formative questions that assess 1 topic and 1 skill.

2 Assign Tab

This tab shows assessments you create and enables you to edit or assign to your students. You can immediately unlock student access, schedule start and end dates and times, and apply other options.

3 Progress Tab

Once assigned, click the Progress tab to unlock, update or track student progress completing the test. If you assign FRQs you will score them using rubrics on this tab too.

4 Results Tab

Use the Results tabs to view class and student results once all students have submitted and had their tests scored.

5 Filters

The blue buttons are filters that can be used to find what you're looking as every question is tagged to the unit content, skills, and other terms relevant to your course.

6 Preview

Every question can be previewed by clicking the name or the Preview button

7 Add

Click the Add button to add it a test you can customize and assign on paper or online.

8 My Assessment Builder

Once you add a question, the assessment builder opens so you can create a name and order your questions on the test.

9 Author New Question

Teachers can also create their own questions from scratch by selecting this button.

In addition, a teacher can select an existing AP question to modify and save as a custom version.