

AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

AP Pacing Guide for Flipped Classrooms: Jan.–April 2021

Overview



Due to the challenges associated with hybrid and remote learning in 2020–21, a significant amount of the content and skills colleges are requiring for credit will likely need to be assigned to students as homework or independent learning. This guide allows students who are currently behind to complete all course topics from the course and exam description by May. This guide assumes students will complete approximately 30 minutes of AP Daily videos (~10 minutes each) and topic questions each day in lieu of, or addition to, assignments the teacher would ordinarily give.

How to Implement

Here is guidance for implementing this pacing guide:

- Teachers should **assign the AP Daily videos and topic questions** listed below as student assignments each week.
- Using the reports generated by the topic questions, teachers should focus their limited, direct class time on the Learning Objectives where students need more help.
- If students are ahead of the pace indicated below, teachers will be able to incorporate additional days or weeks to spend more time on challenging topics, practicing course skills, or reviewing for the exam.

Week 1: Jan. 4–8

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
1.1 The Practice of Political Scientists	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	MPA-1.A: Explain how political scientists construct knowledge and communicate inferences and explanations about political systems, institutional interactions, and behavior.	 Topic Questions
1.2 Defining Political Organizations	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-1.A: Describe differences between regimes, states, nations, and governments.	 Topic Questions

*Prioritize the most challenging Learning Objectives for your students for direct, synchronous instruction.

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
1.3 Democracy vs. Authoritarianism	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-1.B: Describe democracy and authoritarianism.	Topic Questions
1.4 Democratization	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-1.C: Explain the process and goals of democratization.	Topic Questions

Week 2: Jan. 11–15

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
1.5 Sources of Power and Authority	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	PAU-1.D: Explain sources of power and authority in political systems.	Topic Questions
1.6 Change in Power and Authority	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-1.D: Explain sources of power and authority in political systems.	Topic Questions
1.7 Federal and Unitary Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-2.A: a. Describe federal and unitary systems among course countries. b. Explain the purposes of adopting a federal or unitary system.	Topic Questions
1.8 Political Legitimacy	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	LEG-1.A: Describe the sources of political legitimacy for different types of regimes among course countries.	Topic Questions

Week 3: Jan. 18–22

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
1.9 Sustaining Legitimacy	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	LEG-1.B: Explain how governments maintain legitimacy.	Topic Questions
1.10 Political Stability	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	LEG-1.C: Explain how internal actors influence and interact with state authority and either enhance or threaten stability.	Topic Questions Personal Progress Check
2.1 Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-3.A: Describe parliamentary, presidential, and semi-presidential systems.	Topic Questions

📅 Week 4: Jan. 25–29

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
2.2 Comparing Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	PAU-3.B: Compare institutional relations among parliamentary, presidential, and semi-presidential systems.	💡 Topic Questions
2.3 Executive Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-3.C: Explain the structure, function, and change of executive leadership in course countries.	💡 Topic Questions
2.4 Executive Term Limits	AP Daily Video 1	PAU-3.C: Explain the structure, function, and change of executive leadership in course countries.	💡 Topic Questions




📅 Week 5: Feb. 1–5

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
2.5 Removal of Executives	AP Daily Video 1	PAU-3.D: Describe procedures for the removal of executive leadership by other institutions.	💡 Topic Questions
2.6 Legislative Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-3.E: Describe legislative structures and functions in course countries.	💡 Topic Questions
2.7 Independent Legislatures	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-3.F: Explain how legislative powers are constrained by other institutions and/or processes, which can affect legislative independence.	💡 Topic Questions




📅 Week 6: Feb. 8–12

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
2.8 Judicial Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	PAU-3.G: Describe the structure and functions of judiciaries.	💡 Topic Questions
2.9 Independent Judiciaries	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	PAU-3.H: Explain the importance of independent judiciaries relative to other political institutions.	💡 Topic Questions ✅ Personal Progress Check




 **Week 7: Feb. 15–19**

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
3.1 Civil Society	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	IEF-1.A: Describe civil society. IEF-1.B: Explain the role of civil society among course countries.	 Topic Questions
3.2 Political Culture	AP Daily Video 1	IEF-1.C: Explain how political culture relates to citizen behavior and the role of the state.	 Topic Questions
3.3 Political Ideologies	AP Daily Video 1	IEF-1.C: Explain how political culture relates to citizen behavior and the role of the state.	 Topic Questions




 **Week 8: Feb. 22–26**

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
3.4 Political Values and Beliefs	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	IEF-1.D: Explain how political values and beliefs frame policy choices to address particular political problems.	 Topic Questions
3.5 Nature and Role of Political Participation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	DEM-1.A: Explain the nature and role of political participation as related to a regime’s use of authority and power.	 Topic Questions
3.6 Forces that Impact Political Participation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	DEM-1.B: Explain how political participation affects and is affected by democratic or authoritarian regime types.	 Topic Questions

 **Week 9: Mar. 1–5**

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
3.7 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	DEM-1.C: Explain the extent to which civil rights and civil liberties are protected or restricted in different regimes.	 Topic Questions
3.8 Political and Social Cleavages	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	LEG-2.A: Describe politically relevant social cleavages. LEG-2.B: Explain how political and social cleavages in course countries affect citizen relationships and political stability.	 Topic Questions
3.9 Challenges from Political and Social Cleavages	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	LEG-2.B: Explain how political and social cleavages in course countries affect citizen relationships and political stability.	 Topic Questions  Personal Progress Check

 **Week 10: Mar. 8–12**

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
4.1 Electoral Systems and Rules	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	DEM-2.A: Describe electoral systems and election rules among course countries.	 Topic Questions
4.2 Objectives of Election Rules	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	DEM-2.B: Explain how election rules serve different regime objectives regarding ballot access, election wins, and constituency accountability.	 Topic Questions
4.3 Political Party Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-4.A: Describe characteristics of political party systems and party membership.	 Topic Questions




📅 Week 11: Mar. 15–19

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
4.4 Role of Political Party Systems	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	PAU-4.B: Explain how political party systems and memberships link citizen participation to policy-making.	💡 Topic Questions
4.5 Impact of Social Movements and Interest Groups	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	IEF-2.A: Explain how social movements and interest groups affect social and political change.	💡 Topic Questions
4.6 Pluralist and Corporatist Interests	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	IEF-2.B: Describe pluralist and corporatist interest group systems.	💡 Topic Questions 🔍 Personal Progress Check





📅 Week 12: Mar. 22–26

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
5.1 Impact of Global Economic and Technological Forces	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	IEF-3.A: Explain how global economic and technological forces influence political policies, behaviors, and culture.	💡 Topic Questions
5.2 Political Responses to Global Market Forces	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	IEF-3.B: Compare political responses to global market forces.	💡 Topic Questions
5.3 Challenges from Globalization	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	IEF-3.C: Explain how globalization creates challenges to regime sovereignty.	💡 Topic Questions

 **Week 13: Mar. 29–Apr. 2**

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
5.4 Policies and Economic Liberalization	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	IEF-3.D: Describe economic and political liberalization policies. IEF-3.E: Explain the adoption of and consequences associated with economic liberalization policies.	 Topic Questions
5.5 International and Supranational Organizations	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	LEG-3.A: Explain how international and supranational organizations influence domestic policymakers and national sovereignty.	 Topic Questions
5.6 Adaptation of Social Policies	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	LEG-3.B: Explain how governments adapt social policies to address political, cultural, and economic changes.	 Topic Questions

 **Week 14: Apr. 5–9**

Topic	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
5.7 Impact of Industrialization and Economic Development	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	LEG-3.C: Explain how rapid industrialization and economic development have produced radical changes in governmental policies.	 Topic Questions
5.8 Causes and Effects of Demographic Change	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	LEG-4.A: Explain political causes and consequences of demographic changes.	 Topic Questions
5.9 Impact of Natural Resources	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	LEG-5.A: Explain how natural resources affect political and economic development.	 Topic Questions  Personal Progress Check