COURSE TITLE: AP U. S. Government and Politics
COURSE NUMBERS: 4590/4591
DEPARTMENT: Social Science
PREREQUISITE: None
LENGTH OF COURSE: One Year

SEMESTER PERIOD OF CREDITS: 5 per semester
Weighted Grading: As of 2008/2009, only Semester A will receive weighted status for EUHSD students enrolled in this course. EUHSD graduation credit is applied only if student maintains a passing grade in both semesters of the year-long Advanced Placement course. In order to meet the EUHSD graduation requirement and fulfill the California Content Standards for the course, if student fails either semester A or semester B or drops the course after only one semester, the student must retake the original AP course or enroll in the College Preparatory semester long class.

GRADE LEVEL(S): 12
DATE ADOPTED: June 18, 2002 (New Textbook Board Approved 6/16/09)

Meets EUHSD American Government Requirement if both semesters are taken with passing grades

MEETS UC ADMISSION “a” REQUIREMENTS

TEXTBOOK: In addition to the EUHSD Board Approved textbook, teachers will utilize a variety of resources designed to assist students in meeting the requirements set forth by the College Board in preparation for the Advanced Placement Exam. In addition, Advanced Placement teachers are required to submit their Course Syllabus in accordance with College Board requirements and receive individual teacher approval to utilize a variety of instructional strategies and course materials in order to meet the requirements set forth in the Advanced Placement Course Guides.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces students to key political ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the political culture of the United States. The course examines politically significant concepts and themes, through which students learn to apply disciplinary reasoning assess causes and consequences of political events, and interpret data to develop evidence-based arguments.

Note: For update on current course curriculum go to www.collegeboard.org