

Instructional Strategies and Supports for AP Government Initiative

Instructional Strategies

- 1) Increase student engagement by connecting the course to current events especially elections and the criminal justice system.
- 2) Test corrections after each test.
- 3) Multiples ways of assessing student understanding of course content for example AP style tests, debates, socratic seminars, simulations.
- 4) Frequent opportunities for students to practice developing skills during class time through in class graded assignments. Regular practice of AP writing and multiple choice questions.
- 5) On average 20-30 minutes of homework per night that is integrated into the course and scaffolded. Interventions are available to support students in completing these assignments.

Supports

All students will have access to UC Berkeley study group leaders who are familiar with the course content, skills, and assignments associated with each class. These study group sessions will be available on a drop in basis at lunch and after school several days per week.

AP Scholars program will be available to specific groups of students in need of support