

PS 0200 American Politics

A University of Pittsburgh College in the High School (CHS) Course

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Overview

This is an introductory course in American politics. The course is suitable for beginning political science students or students who wish to complete the course as part of a “general education” requirement. The purpose of the course is to teach students both about the American political system and about broad concepts social scientists use to study politics.

Books

We have one required book that you are required to purchase and bring with you every day. Be sure to purchase these specific copies, and feel free to buy used editions.

ISBN: 978-0-393-28357-0

The American Political System

Third Edition

Paperback

Ken Kollman (Author, University of Michigan)

Grading

Grades are computed using the total point method and all scores are recorded on CSIU. Assignments completed after the deadline are worth a maximum of 60% of the possible points. No bonus points are offered.

Your grade for the course will be recorded on the Pitt transcript and on your Sharpsville Area High School report card. The University recognizes plus and minus grades.

Pitt Credit

This CHS class is worth three credits at the University of Pittsburgh. Grades earned in this course will appear on an official University of Pittsburgh transcript and the course credits may be eligible for transfer to another college or university.

If CHS students decide to attend the University of Pittsburgh, the CHS course grade will count toward the grade point average at the University.

Students that will attend the University do not need to request a transcript to transfer their earned CHS credits. Those credits will already appear on a transcript with the University.

Transferring CHS Credits

Most colleges accept these transfer credits. Pitt CHS recommends students contact schools they are applying to and ask if they accept these credits. You can search the transfer policies of over 900 US colleges and universities through the University of Connecticut's Early College Experience Credit Transfer Database, at http://ece.uconn.edu/credit_transfer_database/.

Pitt Tuition Cost

The tuition payment must be submitted with the completed registration form. The check must be payable to the University of Pittsburgh. This is approximately 10% of the cost of normal tuition.

Free Pitt Undergraduate Application

Students that plan to apply to Pitt can have their application fee waived. A fee waiver code will be available in October through Aspire, the online class portal.

Withdrawal

You must complete a withdrawal form from Mr. Kalpich, obtain parent / guardian signatures and return the form to Mr. Kalpich before March 20. All materials are due to the University by April 1. When you withdrawal, you receive a grade of W on the University of Pittsburgh transcript and do not receive a refund.

Teachers cannot award a withdrawal (W) grade and are required to enter the earned grade unless a student has withdrawn. Students who went through the proper withdrawal procedure will have a W grade already appear on the grading roster.

A medical exception for withdrawal after the April 1 deadline requires medical documentation (letter from the doctor) and must be presented by the student before the CHS final examination in the classroom.

Final Grades

Your final course grade will be recorded at the University by June 20.

Pitt Transcripts

Please do not order transcripts before June 30.