

A night-time photograph of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., illuminated by lights. The building's dome and classical architecture are visible against a dark blue twilight sky. In the foreground, there is a reflecting pool that shows the reflection of the building and the sky. The text "AP U.S. Government & Politics" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

# AP U.S. Government & Politics

# The Examination



**AP United States Government and Politics:**

**It is a three-hour examination (180 minutes)**

**It is a fully digital examination, everything is electronic.**

**The exam is taken on your iPad**

# There are Five (5) units to this Course:

**Unit 1 – Foundations of American Democracy  
(15 to 22% of the total exam)**

**Unit 2 – Interactions Among Branches of Government  
(25 to 36% of the total exam)**

**Unit 3 – Civil Liberties and Civil Rights  
(13 to 18% of the total exam)**

**Unit 4 – American Political Ideologies and Beliefs  
(10 to 15% of the total exam)**

**Unit 5 – Political Participation  
(20 to 27% of the total exam)**



The exam is in two parts:

**Section I**

**55 Multiple-Choice Questions (80 minutes)**

**These are 50% of the total exam**

**Section II**

**Four (4) Free response Questions (100 Minutes)**

**Questions 1 to 3 suggested 20 minutes each**

**Question 4 suggested 40 minutes**

**These are 50% of the total exam**

# The Free-Response Questions

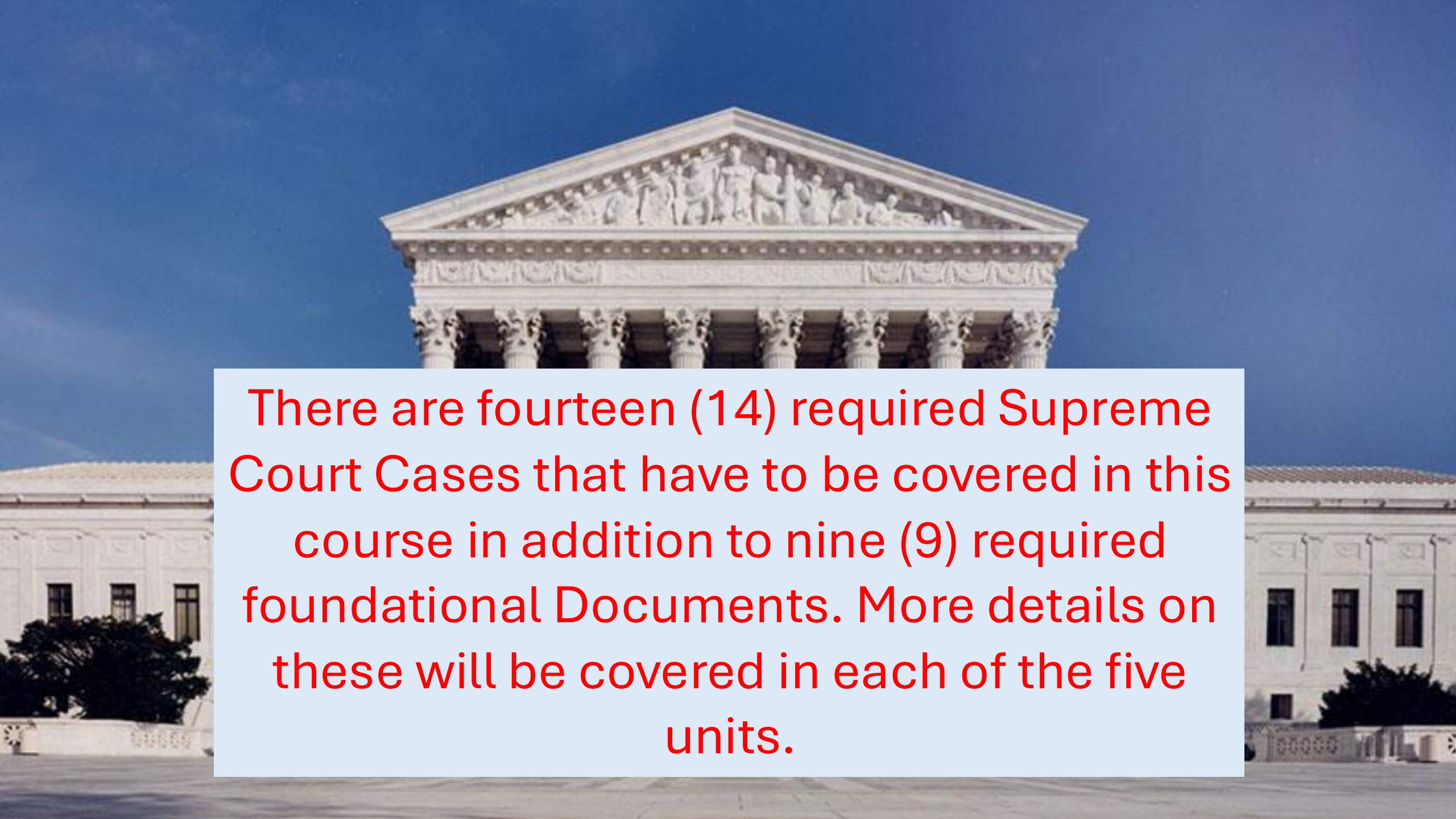
The background of the slide is a photograph of the Wisconsin State Capitol dome. The dome is white with a central statue on top, set against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The bottom of the image shows the dark, classical columns of the building's base.

FRQ 1 is a Text-Based Question

FRQ 2 is a Chart/Graph questions (Elections/Voting etc.)

FRQ 3 is a Supreme Court Comparison Question  
(one we covered vs one we did not)

FRQ 4 is a Constitutional and Argument Question  
(so worth more points and more time)

The image shows the front facade of the United States Supreme Court Building. The central focus is the portico, which is supported by a row of six tall, white, fluted columns. Above the columns is a decorative entablature, and at the top is a large triangular pediment filled with intricate white marble sculptures. The building is set against a clear, bright blue sky. In the foreground, a paved plaza is visible, and parts of the building's wings extend to the left and right.

There are fourteen (14) required Supreme Court Cases that have to be covered in this course in addition to nine (9) required foundational Documents. More details on these will be covered in each of the five units.

# AP Classroom



**AP Classroom is a free resource that will greatly assist all students in this course as it contains Progress Checks for each of the five units, both Multiple-Choice and Free-Response Questions, Analytical Reading Activities, links to online sources that cover Supreme Court cases, the National Constitution Center, Pew Research and other news media outlets.**

# Lessons and Document Links

All the lessons and the documents used in this course will be in the AP US Government section of my website which is

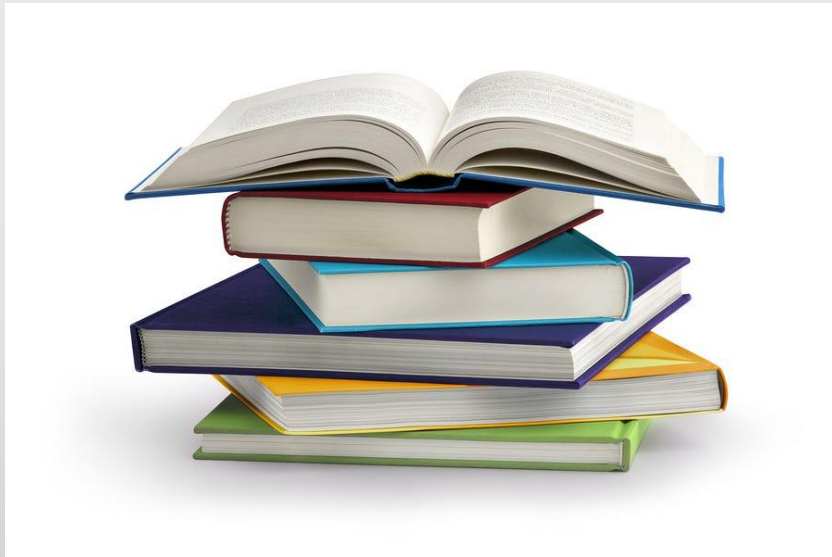
<https://www.hursthistory.org>

Bookmark this website now!

All emails will be sent through the Schoology system.



# Textbook and Review Book



**You have been assigned a textbook and a review book for this course.**

**You will not need them for class, but you will need them for homework during the school year.**

**Please keep them safe at home and I will notify you well in advance if we need them for class**

# Thank You! – Any Questions?

## The 3 Branches of Government



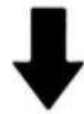
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*makes laws*



**EXECUTIVE**



*carries out laws*



**JUDICIAL**



*evaluates laws*