I. Catalog Description: An institute designed to prepare high school teachers to teach AP* U.S. Government and Politics in their schools and to review and reinforce basic concepts and principles in U.S. government including foundations, institutions, behavior, organizations, public policy, civil liberties and civil rights. The institute will emphasize pedagogical content, assessment, student exam preparation and course planning.

II. Prerequisites: Social Studies teacher certificate

III. Objectives of Course:

1. To outline the mission and goals of the College Board
2. To develop teaching objectives, content, techniques and strategies for AP U.S. Government
3. To develop a successful and effective AP U.S. Government syllabus
4. To ascertain strategies for successful test taking
5. To clarify multiple choice and free response question evaluation
6. To share best practices

IV. Expectations of Students: Participants are expected to attend classes, participate in classroom activities, and complete homework projects.

V. Course Outline:

The workshop will cover the topics in the Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics course. A listing of major topics follows:

1. Constitutional Foundations
2. Political behavior
3. Interest groups, political parties and the media
4. Congress, the presidency and the courts
5. The public policy process
6. Civil liberties
7. Civil rights

VI. Textbook: Advanced Placement Course Description: Government and Politics United States Course Description, Fall 2014.
VII. Basis of Student Evaluation:

25 % Participation in classroom discussion
25 % Presentations of selected pedagogical content topics
25 % Reviews of current topics in civic education
25 % Syllabus for the AP U.S. Government and Politics course they will be teaching