Why AP Comparative Government?

Are you curious about how governments in other countries work? Have you asked why seemingly intelligent citizens in a country accept their form of government without question? Have you wondered what effect a non-democratic government has on society? What is the difference between a nation and a state? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are the ideal student for AP Comparative Government.

The AP Comparative Government and Politics course is a traditional college level introduction to the comparative study of state systems and their political components, and many of its topics speak to contemporary global political issues such as globalization, democratization, political change, public policy, and citizen-state relations. The primary goal of the course is to increase your understanding of the political traditions, values, and structures of comparative systems. The work involved concerns the study of political science theory and methodology, and its application to the analysis of specific countries as illustrations of specific concepts and themes. After our review of U.S. government and politics, the course focuses on six country models: Great Britain, the Soviet Union/Russian Federation, the People’s Republic of China, Mexico, Iran and Nigeria.