

Exam Format & Details:

The exam is 3 hours long and has two sections: multiple choice and free-response essays. Each individual section counts as 50% of the exam score. **This year's exam is scheduled for Monday May 3, 2021 at 8:00 AM.**

The exam measures your understanding of required content. You'll need to define, compare, explain, and interpret political concepts, policies, processes, perspectives, and behaviors that characterize the U.S. political system.

Section I: Multiple Choice | 55 Questions | 1 Hour and 20 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score

This section requires:

- **Quantitative Analysis:** Analysis and application of quantitative-based source material
- **Qualitative Analysis:** Analysis and application of text-based (primary and secondary) sources
- **Visual Analysis:** Analysis and application of qualitative visual information
- **Concept Application:** Explanation of the application of political concepts in context
- **Comparison:** Explanation of the similarities and differences of political concepts
- **Knowledge:** Identification and definition of political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors

Section II: Free-Response | 4 Questions | 1 Hour and 40 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score

In this section:

- **Concept Application:** You'll respond to a political scenario, explaining how it relates to a political principle, institution, process, policy, or behavior
- **Quantitative Analysis:** You'll analyze quantitative data, identify a trend or pattern, draw a conclusion for the visual representation, and explain how it relates to a political principle, institution, process, policy, or behavior
- **SCOTUS Comparison:** You'll compare a nonrequired Supreme Court case with a required Supreme Court case, explaining how information from the required case is relevant to that in the nonrequired one
- **Argument Essay:** You'll develop an argument in the form of an essay, using evidence from one or more required foundational documents