

May 2, 2007

Dear Andrew Staiano,

The College Board is pleased to announce that your U.S. Government and Politics course is authorized to use the "AP®" designation for the 2007-08 academic year. The College Board applauds and recognizes your efforts to provide your students with the academic rigor and college-level experience that is the promise of AP. I thank you for the time and effort you put into participating in the AP Course Audit.

#### What Does Authorization Mean?

The authorization of your course is an official recognition by the College Board that your course meets or exceeds the expectations colleges and universities have for your AP subject. Your syllabus was reviewed by experienced college and university faculty, who have confirmed that it outlines how your course provides a college-level learning opportunity to students. This authorization grants your school permission to use the "AP" designation on students' transcripts in association with the authorized course. In addition, your course will appear in a publicly-available ledger to be published on the Web in November 2007.

#### Renewing Your Authorization

Once your course has been authorized, you do not need to resubmit an AP Course Audit form and syllabus unless you transfer to a different school or if the College Board significantly revises the AP course. Prior to the 2008-09 school year, your principal will be sent instructions for how s/he can simply extend your authorization status for 2008-09.

We understand fully that you may need to modify or adapt your syllabus or course plan each academic year to address the needs of your students, to reflect new discoveries, to try out new approaches, and so on. You do not need to resubmit your syllabus when you modify it, so long as you are not changing your course so significantly as to eliminate from your curriculum one or more of the curricular requirements contained on the AP Course Audit form.

Thank you for all that you do to provide your students with a rigorous, college-level experience. The College Board appreciates all your efforts to connect students with college success.

Sincerely,

Trevor Packer  
Executive Director  
Advanced Placement Program