

U.S. Government Course Description

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The U.S. Government course will teach students about the formation of government and the many different types of government in the world. Students will learn about the different branches of the U.S. government. They will be required to research political issues and compare them with contemporary political events. They will also learn about citizenship, civil rights, and the process for creating new laws. Students will be assessed through a series of writing assignments as well as short essay questions and quizzes. Students are also required to complete the midterm and final exams.

Course Requirements

- Quizzes
- Assignments
- Worksheets
- Midterm Exam
- Final Exam

Course Outline

Unit 1 - Philosophical Foundations:

- Foundations of Government
- Fundamental Rights
- Historical Roots

Unit 2 - Framers and the Constitution:

- Articles of Confederation
- The Great Compromise
- Framing of the Constitution
- Judicial Review
- Powers of the People

Unit 3 - Legislative Branch:

- Powers in the Constitution
- Powers of Congress
- Leadership within Congress
- The Senate
- State of the Union
- Influence of Unelected Staff

Unit 4 - Executive Branch:

- The Executive Branch
- Presidential Powers
- The President's Cabinet
- Political Parties
- Elections

Unit 5 - Judicial Branch and the Federal System:

- Article III
- Federalism
- Federal and State Governments

Unit 6 - Bill of Rights:

- Constitutional Mandates
- First Amendment Rights
- Civil Liberties
- Fourteenth Amendment
- Majority and Civil Rights

Unit 7 - Citizenship:

- Civic Virtue
- Measurement
- Civic Responsibility
- Taxation
- Other Political Systems