

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT/CIVICS 2

Course Description

This course will take students through a journey of American Government. The journey begins with a trip through Washington, D.C. and the White House. Students will then explore our political party system and examine interest groups and their influence on American politics. From there, students will learn about the people working in local, state, and national government. Finally, students will explore the state and federal court system, as well as some of the more famous court cases in American history. Throughout the course, students will have the opportunity to explore and reflect on their core beliefs regarding democracy, our government, and how our government works. This course will culminate with a Final Exam.

Prerequisite

None

Credit Requirement Area

Social Studies

Learning Objectives

- Students will examine the political process, trial proceedings, and voter issues.
- Students will research interest groups and political parties.
- Students will explore what constitutes civil and criminal cases.
- Students will research who their elected officials are.
- Students will examine landmark Supreme Court cases.

Suggested Weekly Schedule

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
1	Assignment 1: Grading Policy	Monday of Week 1	33.3%
	Assignment 2: Portfolio Assignment	Wednesday of Week 1	33.3%
	Assignment 3: Exploring Washington, D.C.	Friday of Week 1	33.4%
Week 1 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
2	Assignment 1: Interest Groups	Monday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 2: Interest Groups Part II	Tuesday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 3: Political Parties	Thursday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 4: Create a Political Party	Friday of Week 2	25%
Week 2 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
3	Assignment 1: Who Are My Elected Officials	Wednesday of Week 3	50%
	Assignment 2: Power to Declare War	Friday of Week 3	50%
Week 3 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
4	Assignment 1: Criminal and Civil Trials	Wednesday of Week 4	50%
	Assignment 2: Trials in the News	Friday of Week 4	50%
Week 4 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
5	Assignment 1: Landmark Supreme Court Cases	Wednesday of Week 5	50%
	Assignment 2: Voter Initiatives	Friday of Week 5	50%
Week 5 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
6	Final Exam	Friday of Week 6	100%
Week 6 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			17%
WEIGHTED TOTAL			100%