

# Information for Course Syllabus

Name of Course: U.S. Government CP

Grade Level: 9-12

School: ORHS

Major Assignments: *Presidential Project, Supreme Court Cases Project*

Field Trips: n/a

How can parents access instructional materials? Canvas

# American Government CP 2021-2022

## **Course Overview**

In this one term (9 week) course, students will study the purposes, principles, and practices of American government as established by the Constitution. Students are expected to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens and how to exercise these rights and responsibilities in local, state, and national government. Students will learn the structure and processes of the government of the state of Tennessee and various local governments. The reading of primary source documents is a key feature of United States Government and Civics standards.

*Failure to complete assignments will lead to failing the class, which in turn would prevent graduation as American Government is a required course for a high school diploma in Tennessee.*

## **Materials Required and Textbook**

- A charged school issued laptop every day.
- The primary textbook for the course is: Magruder's American Government

## **Major Units**

- **Unit 1:** Foundations of Government
- **Unit 2:** The U.S. Constitution
- **Unit 3:** The Legislative Branch
- **Unit 4:** The Executive Branch
- **Unit 5:** The Judicial Branch
- **Unit 6:** Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- **Unit 7:** Tennessee State and Local Government

## **Grading**

- We will utilize weighted categories to determine grades.
- Assignments Category= 70%
- Tests Category= 30%

\*If you do not receive a 100% on an assignment, a comment will be left in Canvas explaining your grade. All students have the opportunity to resubmit anything in the Assignments category.

## **Class Norms**

1. Respect your classmates and their opinions. We will discuss complicated and often emotionally-charged issues in this class, but we expect you to maintain respect for others at all times regardless of how you feel about their viewpoint. You are free and encouraged to disagree academically, but we will not tolerate personal attacks.
2. Academic dishonesty of any form will NOT be tolerated. Academic dishonesty can include (but is not limited to) plagiarism, cheating on a test, or lying. Again, this class is considered an introductory college course, and in college, such actions are dealt with very harshly, including potential expulsion. As such, you should expect severe penalties for any form of academic dishonesty, including a grade of "0" for the assignment in question and referral to school administration.
3. Come to class prepared. We have a lot of material to cover in this class, and we will have little patience for delays at the beginning of a class period due to lack of preparation.
4. All school-wide policies apply to this class, including the tardy and badge policies.
5. Be ready to begin class when the bell rings.

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<b>Unit</b>	<b>Topics Covered</b>	<b>TN Standards</b>	<b>Time/ days</b>	<b>Running Time</b>
<b>Unit 1</b>	European Influences on American Government	GC.01	1	1
<b>Foundations of</b>	The Declaration of Independence	GC.02	1	2
<b>Government</b>	The Articles of Confederation	GC.03	1	3
	Democracy vs. Republic	GC. 09	1	4
	Unit 1 Exam		1	5
<b>Unit 2</b>				
<b>The Constitution</b>	Constitutional Convention	GC.04	1	6
	The Preamble	GC.05	1	7
	Structure of the Constitution	GC.06	1	8
	Amending the Constitution	GC. 07	1	9
	The Bill of Rights	GC.08	1	10
	Unit 2 Exam		1	11
<b>Unit 3</b>				
<b>Legislative</b>	Article 1 and the 17th amendment	GC.10	1	12

<b>Branch</b>	Census and Redistricting	GC.11	1	13
	Legislative Leaders	GC.12	1	14
	How a Becomes a Law	GC. 13	2	16
	Congressional Powers	GC.15	1	17
	TN Reps and Senators	GC. 14	1	18
	Writing Your Reps	GC. 14	2	20
	Unit 3 Exam			
<b>Unit 4</b>				
<b>Executive</b>	Article II and Roles	GC.16	1	21
<b>Branch</b>	Cabinet Positions	GC.17	1	22
	Electoral College	GC.18	1	23
	Presidential Nominations	GC.32	1	24
	Naturalization	GC.35	1	25
	Unit 4 Exam		1	26
<b>Unit 5</b>				
<b>Judicial</b>	Article III and Basics	GC. 19	1	27
<b>Branch</b>	Supreme Court and Appointments	GC. 20	1	28
	Judicial Review and Precedents	GC.21 & GC.22	1	29

	Unit 5 Exam		1	30
<b>Unit 6</b>				
<b>Civil Rights and</b>	1st Amendment Cases	GC.23	1	31
<b>Civil Liberties</b>	2nd Amendment Cases	GC.24	1	32
	4-8th Amendment Cases	GC.25	1	33
	14th Amendment Cases	GC.26	1	34
	Historically Disadvantaged Groups	GC. 27	1	35
	Unit 6 Exam		1	36
<b>Unit 7</b>				
<b>Tennessee and</b>	TN Government Structure and Identify the Governor	GC.28 GC.30	1	37
<b>Local</b>	Local Government Styles	GC.29	1	38
<b>Government</b>	Civic Duty	GC.31	1	39
	Role of the Media	GC.33	1	40
	Political Participation	GC.34	1	41