

United States Government and Civics

Course Syllabus

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General Education Goals for U.S. Government and Civic based on Tennessee State Standards

Students will study the purposes, principles, and practices of American government as established by the Constitution. Students will be expected to identify and comprehend our rights and responsibilities as citizens and how to exercise these rights and responsibilities in local, state, and national government. We will read primary sources documents such as personal records, vital records, institutional records, mass media and political writings.

Students successfully completing this course will:

- **Pass State mandated US Government and Citizenship Test.**
- know important facts, concepts, and theories pertaining to U.S. government and politics
- understand typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their consequences (including the components of political behavior, the principles used to explain or justify various government structures and procedures, and the political effects of these structures and procedures)
- be able to analyze and interpret basic data relevant to U.S. government and politics (including data presented in charts, tables, and other formats)
- be able to critically analyze relevant theories and concepts, apply them appropriately, and develop their connections across the curriculum

Our goal is a simple one: Be great citizens knowledgeable of the inner workings of our government.

LOOK!!!!This is a required course in which you **must earn** a .5 credit toward graduation.

TN State Curriculum Standards

The TN Department of Education has adopted curriculum standards to ensure students develop the social studies skills needed to succeed in school, in the workplace, and in their lives. Here is the link to look at them:

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/standards/ss/Social_Studies_Standards.pdf

Our Textbook: Magruder's American Government

We will also use current events, various news outlets, television stations, videos and web sources throughout the class. **(YOU MAY SIGN OUT A TEXTBOOK AS NEEDED, SEE TEACHER BEFORE REMOVING IT FROM THE CLASSROOM)**