

## American Government

Text:	<i>American Government, A Complete Coursebook</i> , Wood and Sansone, 2000
Supplemental Materials:	<i>The Challenge of Democracy</i> , Janda, Berry and Goldman, 8 <sup>th</sup> Ed., 2005 Other materials, including transcripts of debates and presidential speeches
Course Description:	American Government is a one semester (1/2 unit) course concentrating on the U. S. Constitution and emphasizing the three branches of the federal government and the amendments, including the Bill of Rights and, in particular, the 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment. Additionally, the course focuses on the beginnings of government in America, the Constitutional Convention, federalism, the political party system, the media, interest groups, domestic policy, foreign policy and the promotion of equality.
Methods of Evaluation:	Primarily tests. Also, some in-class assignments will be evaluated. And, credit is given to those who are prepared and participate in class discussion.
Pace of Instruction:	Unit 1- Principles of Government Beginnings of American Government The Constitution Federalism Unit II- Political Parties Elections and Campaigns Political Participation and Voter Behavior Public Opinion and Mass Media Interest Groups Unit III- Congress and the Legislative Branch The Presidency The Executive Branch and the Bureaucracy The Courts and the Judicial Branch
Course Objectives:	To give my students as much knowledge and information as I can to educate them and equip them to function as productive citizens in the future.
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