

Government

Scope and Sequence 2021-2022

Course Description: The primary objective of this required one-semester course is to prepare the student for decision-making within the framework of the American political system. The course begins with an overview of basic concepts found in all political systems, the philosophical background which led to our constitutional development, and the basic concepts found in the Constitution. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government, including current issues of interest such as foreign affairs, will be studied. In addition, students study the fields of civil rights and liberties, political parties and suffrage, the Texas Constitution, and state and local government.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Government

Instructional Units	Days**	
		End Date
First Semester	75	
1 st Grading Period	33	10/8/2021
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	3	8/25/2021
Development of Constitutional Government in America	14	9/15/2021
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	8	9/28/2021
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	9	10/8/2021
*2 nd Grading Period	42	12/17/2021
College Financial Planning (First Semester Only)	2	10/12/2021
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	12	10/29/2021
Citizenship	3	11/5/2021
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	11/8/2021
Influences on the U.S. Political System	9	11/19/2021
Role of Political Parties	6	12/6/2021
Process for Filling Public Offices	9	12/17/2021

Instructional Units	Days**	
		End Date
Second Semester	92	
3 rd Grading Period	45	3/11/2022
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	1/4/2022
Development of Constitutional Government in America	17	1/31/2022
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	13	2/17/2022
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	11	3/8/2022
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	3	3/11/2022
*4 th Grading Period	47	5/26/2022
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	11	4/4/2022
Citizenship	3	4/7/2022
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	4/8/2022
Influences on the U.S. Political System	11	4/27/2022
Role of Political Parties	8	5/9/2022
Process for Filling Public Offices	13	5/26/2022

* Includes time for Final Exams.

**The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.

Instructional Material(s):

Remy, Ritchie, Scott, and Hanson (eds.), *United States Government*, McGraw-Hill Education, Copyright 2016