

Government

Scope and Sequence 2019-2020

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**	
First Semester	78	End Date
1 st Grading Period	39	10/18/2019
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	8/26/2019
Development of Constitutional Government in America	15	9/17/2019
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	9	9/30/2019
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	9	10/11/2019
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	5	10/18/2019
*2 nd Grading Period	39	12/20/2019
College Financial Planning (First Semester Only)	2	10/22/2019
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	8	11/1/2019
Citizenship	3	11/7/2019
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	11/8/2019
Influences on the U.S. Political System	10	11/22/2019
Role of Political Parties	6	12/9/2019
Process for Filling Public Offices	9	12/20/2019

Instructional Units	Days**	
	95	End Date
Second Semester		
3 rd Grading Period	43	3/6/2020
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	1/6/2020
Development of Constitutional Government in America	16	1/29/2020
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	14	2/19/2020
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	12	3/6/2020
*4 th Grading Period	52	5/28/2020
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	15	4/3/2020
Citizenship	3	4/8/2020
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	4/9/2020
Influences on the U.S. Political System	12	4/28/2020
Role of Political Parties	9	5/11/2020
Process for Filling Public Offices	12	5/28/2020

* 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