

Year at a Glance



Government- 2106310, Government Honors 2106320

.5 credit course

United States Government - The grade 9-12 United States Government course consists of the following content area strands: Geography, Civics and Government. The primary content for the course pertains to the study of government institutions and political processes and their historical impact on American society. Content should include, but is not limited to, the functions and purpose of government, the function of the state, the constitutional framework, federalism, separation of powers, functions of the three branches of government at the local, state and national level, and the political decision-making process.

Honors and Advanced Level Course Note: Advanced courses require a greater demand on students through increased academic rigor. Academic rigor is obtained through the application, analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas that are often abstract and multi-faceted. Students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning. Honors level rigor will be achieved by increasing text complexity through text selection, focus on high-level qualitative measures, and complexity of task. Instruction will be structured to give students a deeper understanding of conceptual themes and organization within and across disciplines. Academic rigor is more than simply assigning to students a greater quantity of work.

****May be used as a blended course to meet the online graduation requirement, please contact teacher for more information.**

Textbook Publisher:

[McGraw Hill](#) United States Government: Our Democracy (Students have online access through [My.SarasotaCountySchools.net](#))

Other Supplemental Resources:

[FSA Portal](#)

Standards:

Available on [CPalms](#)

[Government](#)

[Government Honors](#)

Benchmark Assessment Dates

Final: December or May

Quarter	Major Concepts/Topics
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Note teachers may use additional resources as noted on individual classroom syllabuses. For specific questions regarding individual classrooms please contact the teacher for clarification.

Quarter 1 or 3	Unit 1 Origins and Purposes of Government, Law and the American Political System
	Unit 2 Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Citizens
Quarter 2 or 4	Unit 3 Principles, Functions and Organization of Government
	Unit 4 Contemporary Issues in United States Foreign Policy

- Students earning a standard high school diploma must earn at least .5 social studies credit in Government or an equivalent course. More information on graduation requirements and concordant scores can be found here: [Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#). Teachers may use additional resources as noted on an individual teacher's syllabi. For specific questions regarding individual classrooms please contact the teacher for clarification.