

COURSE TITLE: GOVERNMENT**Course Description:**

A one-semester course designed to examine the principles and mechanics of a constitutional republic. Included will be the Constitution, political parties, elections, pressure groups, the branches of government, citizenship, and foreign policy.

Course Goals and Objectives:

The student will:

1. Be cognizant of his rights as a United States citizen under the Constitution.
2. Understand the biblical perspective of government and explain the need for government.
3. Realize the privilege and responsibility of voting and explain the general voting requirements for Americans.
4. Explain the original purpose of education.
5. Define and differentiate democracy and republic.
6. Identify the weaknesses of the Confederation government.
7. Outline the three major compromises of the Constitutional Convention.
8. Identify the Federalist Papers.
9. Describe the methods of formally amending the Constitution.
10. Define due process.
11. Define political party and analyze the political party system.
12. Identify the key characteristics of each branch of government.
13. Define federalism.
14. Discuss key aspects of U.S. foreign policy.

Course Outline:

1. The Only Sure Foundation.
2. Christian Beginnings in America.
3. The Meaning of Democracy.
4. Constitutional Convention.
5. The Constitutional Cornerstone.
6. Civil Rights and Civil Responsibilities.
7. The Party System.
8. Campaigns and Elections.
9. The Politics of Pressure.
10. The Congress.
11. The Presidency.
12. The Bureaucracy.
13. The Judiciary.
14. Federalism.
15. Foreign Policy.

Instructional Materials:

1. American Government for Christian Schools, Bob Jones University Press, South Carolina, 1999.

Teaching Methods:

1. Discussion with teacher.
2. Homework assignments.

Evaluation:

1. Section reviews and worksheets (30%).
2. Oral quizzes and discussion (30%).
3. Two tests (20%).
4. Three-page report on topic of student's choice (20%).

Grading Scale:

100-90 = A

89-80 = B

79-70 = C

69-60 = D

59 and below = F