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American Government (5 credits)

I. Course Description

A course designed as a survey of the United States government in which the student studies the backgrounds of our government, the Constitution, the three main branches of government.

II. Course Goal and Objectives

- A. The student will develop an understanding of the foundations of our government.
- B. The student will develop an understanding of how the political process works.
- C. The student will develop an understanding of the interrelation of the three branches of government.

III. Course Outline

- A. Foundations of American Government
  - 1. America: A Unique Nation
  - 2. Government under God
  - 3. The Shaping of the American Republic
- B. Our Constitutional Republic
  - 1. The Constitution of the United States
  - 2. Congress: The Legislative Branch
  - 3. The Executive Branch: The Presidency
  - 4. The Executive Branch: The Bureaucracy
  - 5. The Federal Courts: The Judicial Branch
  - 6. The Bill of Rights and Other Amendments
- C. Our Federal Republic
  - 1. American Federalism
  - 2. State and Local Government
  - 3. The American Citizen in Action: Making a Difference

IV. Instructional Material

- A. Textbook: *American Government in the Christian Perspective*, Abeka Book Publications, Pensacola, Florida, 1997
- B. *State and Local Government Study Outline*, Abeka Book Publications, Pensacola, Florida, 1997
- C. Videos

**V. Teaching Methods**

- A. Discussions
- B. Oral & silent reading from textbook

**VI. Evaluation****A. Components**

1. Content Questions
2. Chapter Tests
3. Quizzes
4. Final Exam

**B. Grading Scale**

- 100-90% = A
- 89-80% = B
- 79-70% = C
- 69-60% = D
- 59% & below = F