

American Government

I. Course Description

A one semester 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 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. First Quarter

1. Foundations of American Government
 - a. America: A Unique Nation
 - b. Government under God
 - c. The Shaping of the American Republic
2. Our Constitutional Republic
 - a. The Constitution of the United States
 - b. Congress: The Legislative Branch
 - c. The Executive Branch: The Presidency
 - d. The Executive Branch: The Bureaucracy

B. Second Quarter

1. Our Constitutional Republic cont.
 - a. The Federal Courts: The Judicial Branch
 - b. The Bill of Rights and Other Amendments
2. Our Federal Republic
 - a. American Federalism
 - b. State and Local Government
 - c. The American Citizen in Action: Making a Difference

IV. Instructional Material

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

V. Teaching Methods

- A. Reading
- B. Discussions
- C. Chapter Questions

VI. Evaluation

- A. Daily Work
- B. Quizzes and Tests

VII. Grading Scale

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