

U.S. Government Syllabus

2020-2021

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Text: Fraga, Luis *United States Government, Principles in Practice*

U.S. Government incorporates the structure organization and function of the American political system. Topics studied include: foundations of United States government, the three major branches of government, and the Constitution. Students will study the details of the political system at the national, state, and local levels. Comparisons will be made between U.S. government and other political systems.

Classroom Behavior:

RESPECT: All students will respect themselves, their community members and their learning environment.

READINESS: All students must attend class everyday and come prepared to actively participate in daily activities.

RESPONSIBILITY: All students must accept responsibility for themselves and their actions.

Course Requirements:

1. Students must come to class prepared and ready to learn.
2. Students will be given daily assignments, which will usually be due the following day.
3. Students are required to do one semester project that will be due in December.

Structure of the Study:

1st Six Weeks:

- Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 13
- Weekly Chapter Quizzes
- Exam 1

2nd Six Weeks:

- Chapters 16, 15, 14, 9, 12, 6
- Weekly Chapter Quizzes
- Exam 2

3rd Six Weeks:

- Chapters 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13

- Weekly Chapter Quizzes
- Exam 3

Late Work:

Excused absences: Assignments that were due on the date of absence must be turned in the day you return to school or they become late. Assignments that were assigned on the date of absence will have the same number of days to be completed as non-absent students had. If the revised due date is missed, the work becomes late.

Late work resulting from **unexcused** absences will receive a zero.

CHEATING, COPYING AND PLAGIARISM:

Cheating, copying and plagiarizing are forms of dishonesty. Students caught copying will receive a zero for the assignment or test. Allowing someone to copy your completed paper will result in a zero for you as well.

Plagiarism: *to use the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own words or ideas.* Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/plagiarize> **Do not copy directly from the Internet source and try to turn it in as your own work.** Changing one or two words from an Internet source is still plagiarism. Read the information, process the information, and then rewrite the information in your own words. Students who plagiarize receive a failing grade for that assignment.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is crucial to academic success. If you must be absent due to illness or other issues make sure that you get your missed work and turn it in on time to receive full credit.

Come to class on time!

Grading:

A=91-100
B=80-90
C=75-79
D=65-75
F=64 and below

Homework = 30%
Quizzes = 30%
Exams/Projects = 40%

Supplies:

1 ½ Binder
Dividers: Notes, Homework, Quizzes, Exams
Spiral Notebook

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Parent/Guardian:

To ensure that you are aware of the course rules and procedures, please read the course syllabus and discuss with your child. Once you have done so, please sign and return this form to Coach Gibbs. If returned by Friday August 21, 2020 students will receive 10 extra credit points.

Thank you

Student Name (Please Print)

I have read the course syllabus. I understand the expectations and requirements.

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Student: _____