

COURSE OUTLINE—US GOVERNMENT

The following outline shows the tentative plan for our semester studying US Government. While I have made every attempt to accurately predict what we will study and which assignments will be given, I can guarantee that this outline will change over the course of the semester. Please be flexible, and we will work together to ensure that we cover these topics and hopefully a few others of interest to you in your study of American Government.

	Main Topics	Assignments
Week 1: August 20-22	Intro to Government Citizenship Public Speaking	Student Information Sheet Citizenship Test Citizen Action Project (Due November 21) Campaign Speech & Evaluation
Weeks 2-4: August 25- September 12	Political Philosophy Constitutions Branches of US Government	Social Contracts Presentations/Responses <i>DIA</i> Section 2.3 <i>WTP</i> Lesson 7 Historic Constitutions Constitution Translation <i>WTP</i> Lessons 16 & 17 Test: Foundations of Government
Weeks 5-6: September 15-27	State & Local Politics Campaigns & Elections Political Parties	State and Local Politics Search Campaign/Election Analysis Political Ideology Assessment Presidential Candidate Profile
Weeks 7-11: September 29- October 30	Legislative Branch (Congress) Making Laws	<i>DIA</i> Section 13.1 How a Bill Becomes a Law <i>DIA</i> Section 14.1 Congressional Hearing Research Congressional Hearing Test: Congress
Weeks 12-14: November 3-21	Executive Branch (President) Election Week Famous/Infamous Presidents	Congress vs. President Chart <i>WTP</i> Lesson 14 Presidents Research Project Test: The Presidency Citizen Action Project Due: November 21
Weeks 15-17: November 24- December 12	Judicial Branch (Courts) Famous Supreme Court Cases Statutory Law Civil Rights	Judicial Vocabulary Alaska Statutes Questions Mock Trial Supreme Court Case Studies
Week 18 December 15-18	Final review	Test: Final Exam