

# Civics/US Government

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Course	Civics 1: 8:00-8:45	Course	Semester 1: 9/5/10 to 1/20/11
Hours	Civics 2: 8:50-9:35	Dates	Semester 2: 2/13/11 to 6/21/11

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## Text:

Civics: Government and Economics in Action (Prentice-Hall) Davis/Fernlund/Woll

## Description:

Students in this class will examine the democratic foundations, structures, and institutions of American government at local, state, and national levels. Students will study the political processes to gain understanding of the role of the individuals in the decision-making process of American government. Students will also learn about the rights and responsibilities of the citizens of the United States. Students will investigate American government through a variety of methods, including examining primary source documents, conducting research projects, class discussion, and written essays. Goals and

## Objectives:

1. Students will understand the ideas and concepts from history that played a role in the formation of the American democracy.
2. Students will reflect on how their culture, or views on culture, affects their perception of world culture.
3. Students will develop an understanding of the core civic values, rights and responsibilities of citizens living in a democratic republic.
4. Students will develop an appreciation for accepting personal responsibility as a member in a democratic society.
5. Students will learn how to participate in community service and political activities, and use the democratic process to influence public policy.
6. Students will examine the role of the United States with other countries and its impact on world affairs.

## Requirements:

- Students will be required to do their best everyday
- Students will be required to ask questions, complete work on time, come to class on time with the correct materials, and take the time to help other students
- Students will need to bring a pen/pencil, notebook, and textbook to class everyday
- Students will be required to speak English in the class

Resources:

During the semester students will receive hand-outs from various resources and be required to find accurate information from appropriate websites.

Grading Scale:

A		B		C		D		F
+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
97-100	93-96	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72
								67-69
								63-66
								60-62
								Below 60 Percent

Evaluation:

Class Participation - 10 percent

Homework – 45 percent

Tests and Quizzes – 45 percent

**\*Late work – 1 day late= 25% off, 2 days late=50% off, no credit if more than 2 days late**

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Required Reading
1	Introduction to International Politics	Teacher Handouts
2-3	Types of Governments	Teacher Handouts
4	Country Political Structure Project	Teacher Handouts
5-6	Relations between Countries	Textbook Chp 24-25
7-9	The United Nations	Teacher Handouts
10	Midterms	Review all reading
11-13	American Economic System	Textbook Chp 13-18
14	Spring Trip	Review All Readings
15	Mock Trial	Textbook Chp 19-21
16-17	Participating in a Democratic Society	Textbook Chp 13-15
18-19	Mock Election	Textbook Chp 22-23
20	Review/Finals	Review all readings

\*This schedule is a tentative outline of the first semester and subject to change depending on student progress. Additional readings will be given out as needed.

Examinations:

Students will have quizzes randomly throughout the course of the semester

Students will have a test at the end of each unit.

Students will have a Semester mid-term exam and a Semester final exam