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Government

## Syllabus and Grading Policy

### Unit I. Foundations of American Government

- A. People and Government
- B. Origins of American Government

### Unit II. The Constitution and the Federal System

- A. Structure and Principles
- B. Branches of Government
- C. The Amendments
- D. National and State Powers
- E. Relations Among the States

### Unit III. Participating in Government

- A. Political Parties
- B. Party Organization
- C. Nominating Candidates
- D. Elections and Voting
- E. Expanding Voting Rights
- F. Interest Groups and Public Opinion
- G. Affecting Public Policy
- H. Mass Media

### Unit IV. State and Local Government

- A. Structure and Function of State Government
- B. The Three Branches
- C. Structure and Function of Local Government

### Unit V. The Legislative Branch

- A. Organization of Congress
- B. Development of Congressional Powers
- C. How a Bill Becomes a Law

Unit VI. The Executive Branch

- A. The Presidency
- B. Presidential Leadership

Unit VII. The Judicial Branch

- A. The Federal Court System
- B. Supreme Court

Grading Policy

Tests/Projects- 40%

Quizzes- 25%

Classwork/Homework- 25%

Final Exam- 10%