

Government and Economics

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Government and Economics is a two-semester course that focuses primarily upon civics in the United States and the principles of the economy.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A variety of readings accompany each unit of work. There are essays, projects and homework that go with these readings. Students will be given both creative and written projects. Every student is REQUIRED to complete a portfolio each semester in order to earn course credit.

BOOKS AND MATERIALS

We will be using two textbooks: Our United States Government and Our Economic System. Students will check both textbooks out and will be responsible for bringing the appropriate book(s) to class when required. Additionally, students will read from a variety of sources and use Spanish/English dictionaries. Students will at times be required to do research in the library to complete some homework.

Students are required to maintain and bring to every class session a 3-ring binder, a spiral notebook, and student planner. Students will be graded on these notebooks.

Required in class every class session:

- 3-ring binder
- spiral notebook
- pens, pencils, and 2 different colored highlighters
- binder paper
- backpack to carry everything

Recommended for every class session:

- colored pens or pencils
- white-out
- glue stick
- mini stapler

HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned every day. It is important to save all assignments because some will be submitted with the final portfolio at the end of each semester. **Late homework is not accepted after the Friday of the week it is due and will be graded down.** Any late work must be handed in with the yellow late work sheet filled out.

ABSENCES

After an absence it is the student's responsibility to check the class notebook. The student is responsible for making up all assignments missed during an absence. Please consult with me the first day that you return to school to determine a due date for missed assignments. If the absence is an excused absence, the student will generally be given extra time to complete the work. If the absence is not an excused absence, the work that was missed will be graded down if it is accepted at all.

Woodside has a new attendance policy. Students who miss more than 9 classes during the semester for any reason will not receive credit in this course. **THIS INCLUDES MISSING DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER HOLIDAYS.**

TARDIES

Students who arrive late to class will serve a short detention immediately after class. Chronic tardiness (4 or more times in one semester) will affect the participation portion of a student's grade negatively.

GRADES

50% - Essays, projects, portfolio
30% - Homework, tests, quizzes
20% - Class activities, participation

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

65-79% = C

55-64% = D

54% and below = F

TEACHER CONTACT

If you have any questions, please feel free to call at any time. (123-4567 ext.1111/voice mail.)

I understand the expectations of this course and will try my best in this course

Student Signature/Firma del estudiante

Parent or Gurrdian signature/
Firma de Padre o Madre

Grading Policy

Students are graded using a point system. The percentages used are as follows:

100-98%	A+
97-93%	A
92-90%	A-
89-88%	B+
87-83%	B
82-80%	B-
79-78%	C+
77-73%	C
72-70%	C-
69-68%	D+
67-63%	D
62-60%	D-
59% and below	NC

A passing grade in both semesters of U. S. History is required for graduation.

Office Hours

- prep periods: 4th (9:55 –11:50 on B Days) and 7th (2:15 – 3:05 every day)
- also available by appointment at brunch, lunch, or after school