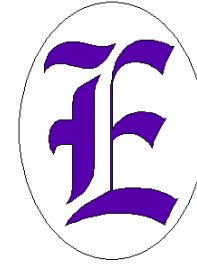


Ephrata High School
Course Syllabus



**Government
2230**

I. Course Description

0.5 Credit

Grade 11

Course Weight: Level 1

This course acquaints students with the basic terminology, fundamental concepts, and processes of government. Students study the operations of their own government, especially at the national level, the U.S. Constitution, the obligations and rights of citizenship, and the American political decision-making process.

II. Materials & Equipment

Text: Remy, Richard C., Ph.D. *United States Government: Democracy In Action*. New York: Glencoe, 2002. Print.

III. Course Goals & Objectives

Students will be able to :

- Identify the different types of governments in the world.
- Examine the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution and see how they affect our lives today.
- Learn about some of our “Founding Fathers” and how they contributed to our independence and current government.
- Understand the reason why we choose a federal form of government.
- Investigate the workings of our three branches of government: *Legislative, Executive, and Judicial*.
- Examine the *two-party* political system in America today.
- Discover which political party / philosophy you match up with.
- Investigate, examine, and choose which presidential candidate matches your personal viewpoints.

IV. Course Topics (Summary Outline)

Chapter 1: People and Government

Chapter 2: Origins of American Government

Chapter 3: The Constitution

Chapter 4: The Federal System

Chapter 5: The Organization of Congress

Chapter 6: Development of Congressional Powers

Chapter 7: Congress at Work

Chapter 8: The Presidency

Chapter 9: Presidential Leadership

Chapter 11: The Federal Court System

Chapter 12: Supreme Court Decision Making

Chapter 16: Political Parties

Chapter 17: Elections and Voting

V. Assignments & Grading

Online quizzes

Chapter Homework Assignments

Online Chapter Tests

Media Center Research Skills

Supreme Court Case Research Paper

Completion of Moodle Multimedia Assignments