

Senior Social Studies-12

**GOVERNMENT &
POLITICS**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- ✘ United States Government and Politics is a new 12th grade class. It is a one trimester, required social studies class. Seniors must take both economics and government to fulfill the senior social studies requirement.

TEXT AND MATERIALS

- ✘ Government Alive will be used as your textbook in hardcopy or online. You can select which works best for you.
- ✘ Please bring notebook and writing supplies for note taking and group work. A folder is useful for storing materials to review at a later date.

UNITS OF STUDY

I. Introduction to Government and Politics

II. 3 Branches of Government

III. Constitutional Law

IV. American Legal System

V. Foreign Policy

*Week 12 will be final exam review and testing.

GRADING

A 93-100

A- 90-92

B+ 87-89.9

B 83-86.9

B- 80-82.9

C+ 77-79.9

C 73-76.9

C- 70-72.9

D+ 67-69.9

D 63-66.9

D- 60-62.9

F 0-59.9

* This class credit is required to get your diploma. Please do not put yourself in a bad situation. Grades will be updated and posted to the district web site every two weeks.

GRADING

- ✘ Formative assessments = 0
- ✘ Senior Service hours = 5%
- ✘ Summative assessments = 80%
- ✘ Final Exam = 15%
- ✘ Missing/Late work policy:
 - + Assessment retakes should be completed within 1 week of receiving your results. You must also show you have completed the Learning Target document.
 - + You must also show proficiency in all Formative Assessments prior to taking the Summative Assessments.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Be on time to class. You are TARDY if you are not in the classroom when the bell rings.

Consequence = 1 handwritten page on a topic of Mr. Wilkie's choice when you are late for class. The paper(s) must be completed prior to taking your next unit exam.

2. **NO** food in class. You may have a beverage in a bottle with a cap on it.

3. **Travel requires a pass.** Please take care of your personal issues between class periods.

4. **Late /missing work.** Please see Mr. Wilkie upon your return to get any work you may have missed. You will **NOT** be allowed to do missing work during class time. Make arrangements to come in before or after school.

5. **Cell phones** will not be used during class time unless approved or needed for our assignment. If you use your phone you will need to place the phone on my desk or computer cart for the remainder of the class period.

WHO AM I AND WHO ARE YOU?

- ✘ Graduated from University of North Dakota, '89
- ✘ Taught 10 years in Jamestown, ND and taught 3 years at CRHS
- ✘ Helped open Andover HS in 2002. This is year 30 in my teaching career!
- ✘ I teach Government and Criminal Justice but have taught Econ, Geography and World History over the years.
- ✘ I'm the first and only football coach at Andover HS and have been coaching for 31 seasons.

MY FAMILY

