

# Government & Economics

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### *Important Information*

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Text: Shea, Daniel M., et al. *California MaGruder's American Government*. Pearson Education Inc, 2019.  
O'Sullivan, Arthur, et al. *California Economics: Principles in Action*. Pearson Education Inc, 2019.

Pearson Online: <https://sso.rumba.pk12ls.com/>

### *Course Description*

**Government** This course will focus on the principles and beliefs upon which the United States was founded and on the structure, functions, and powers of government at the national, state, and local levels. Furthermore, students will learn major political ideas and forms of government throughout history and the world. And finally, a significant focus of this course will be on the U.S. Constitution, its underlying principles and ideas, and the form of government it created.

**Economics** This course will focus on the Free Enterprise System and its benefits, more specifically the principles concerning production, consumption, and the distribution of goods and services in the United States and throughout the globe. Additionally, this course will incorporate instruction in personal financial literacy. And finally, students will learn to apply critical-thinking skills using economic concepts to evaluate the costs and benefits of economic issues, both macro and micro.

### *Course Objectives*

To gain an understanding of the concepts of government and economics and grow into a productive and thoughtful citizen. To learn and practice critical reading and writing methods, effective note taking strategies, group collaboration techniques, and presentation skills necessary for college and career.

## Overview and Expectations

<b><u>Course Overview:</u></b>	<b><u>Course Expectations:</u></b>
<p><b><i>Fall Semester- Government</i></b>            Unit 1: Foundations of Government            Unit 2: Political Behavior            Unit 3: The Legislative Branch            Unit 4: The Executive Branch            Unit 5: The Judicial Branch            Unit 6: Comparative Political and Economic Systems</p>	<p><b>Weekly Home/Classwork</b> <b>30%</b>            Notes            Reviews            Current Events</p>
<p><b><i>Spring Semester- Economics</i></b>            Unit 1: What is Economics            Unit 2: How Markets Work            Unit 3: Business and Labor            Unit 4: Money, Banking, and Finance            Unit 5: Measuring Economic Performance            Unit 6: Government and the Economy            Unit 7 The Global Economy</p>	<p><b>Tests/Quizzes</b> <b>30%</b>            Weekly multiple choice quizzes            Unit Tests</p>
	<p><b>Writing Pieces/Projects</b> <b>30%</b></p>
	<p><b>Participation</b> <b>10%</b></p>

## Materials

The following materials are suggested for success in this course:

- Agenda provided by Segerstrom
- Pens and pencils, colored pencils/markers, highlighters, etc.
- Composition notebook (college ruled) for vocabulary and notes
- Chromebook