

Government (751A) Course Outline

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will develop an understanding of American government, its fundamental principles, and its basic structure. This will include a comparison of systems of government in the world today, an in-depth study of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. In addition, an emphasis will be placed on analyzing the relationship among federal, state and local governments. Students will discover how to develop crucial skills and habits necessary for full participation in a democracy.

METHODS OF STUDY:

- Read assigned chapters and/or “Chapters in Brief” each week.
- Complete assigned section assessments and chapter assessments, assigned worksheets, and Common Core aligned projects and assignments.
- Complete “Guided Reading and Reviews” and/or “Guides to Essentials” each week
- Complete Common Core aligned assessments in class each week.
- Additional assignments as deemed necessary by the teacher to reinforce key terms and concepts may be assigned.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

- In-class Common Core aligned chapter quizzes and tests.
- Assessment of weekly Assignments
- Additional assessments as determined by teacher

NOTE: A total of six assignment grades and the chapter quizzes and tests will be averaged to produce the final grade for the course.

- If a student earns less than 60%, student must redo the assignments and/or tests in order to demonstrate understanding of the content and earn a passing grade.
- If a student does not complete the weekly assignment on time, student must remain in class so that he/she can complete the assignment(s) by the required due date.

RESOURCES:

- Textbook: *American Government* (Prentice Hall, 2006)
- *American Government* “Guided Reading and Reviews”
- *American Government* “Guide to the Essentials”
- Common Core projects, assignments and DBQs.
- On-line resources