

# American Government

## ATTENTION

Grading at the end of the semester can take 7 school days!  
Submit your **last assignment two weeks** before your school's semester ends.



## How to Take This Course

Complete all the quizzes and the assignment in each unit. Once the quizzes for a unit are complete, you will have access to the unit test. We recommend you complete the unit assignment before you attempt the unit test; the assignment will help you prepare. You will have access to the final after you have been enrolled in the course for at least 30 days, all unit tests are completed, and your assignments [are graded](#).

Allow 3-4 school days for an assignment to be graded. To understand the course grading, read the full course instructions.

[Course Instructions](#)

[How This Course Works & Suggested Timeline](#)

[Submitting Your Assignments](#)

[Ask The Teacher](#)

Meet your teacher for this course and ask a question.

**Need help with the course?** We offer online tutoring; find more details about it [here](#).

**MANDATORY QUIZ**

Completion ▾

You are required to take this quiz before you start the course. To prepare, read the course instructions and the "submitting your assignments" document, watch the video on the how this course works page and review the suggested timeline.

[Learning Objectives & Standards Met By This Course](#)

## Unit 1: Foundations of American Democracy

By the end of this unit students will know...

- The historical ideas, traditions, and experiences that influenced the creation of the U.S. Constitution.
- The structure and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and why it ultimately failed as a national government.
- How the Constitution was designed to prevent tyranny through principles such as separation of powers, checks and balances, and limited government.
- How federalism divides power between national and state governments and why this system is important to American democracy.

[Unit 1 Study Guide](#)

This study guide will help you preview the concepts and guide your learning as each new skill or concept is introduced. Use this study guide as the foundation of your notes. You may use it on the unit quizzes, unit tests, and course final.

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[1.1 Enlightenment & Colonial Influences](#)

Quiz 1.1

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[1.2 Articles of Confederation & the Constitutional Convention](#)

Quiz 1.2

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[1.3 Principles of the Constitution](#)

Quiz 1.3

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[1.4 Ratification & the Federalist Debate](#)

Quiz 1.4

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[1.5 Bill of Rights & Protection of Liberties](#)

Quiz 1.5

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[Unit 1 Assignment: "If you were a founder"](#)

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Unit 1 Test

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## Unit 2: Institutions of Government

By the end of this unit students will know...

- The roles and powers of the three branches of government — legislative, executive, and judicial.
- How each branch checks and balances the others to prevent abuse of power.
- How laws are made, enforced, and interpreted through Congress, the President, and the courts.
- How the U.S. system of government maintains limited power and accountability through separation of powers and judicial review.

[Unit 2 Study Guide](#)

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[2.1 Congress: Representation & Lawmaking](#)

Quiz 2.1

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[2.2 The Presidency: Powers, Roles, and Limits](#)

Quiz 2.2

Completion ▾

[2.3 Bureaucracy & Federal Agencies](#)

Quiz 2.3

Completion ▾

[2.4 The Federal Courts & Judicial Review](#)

Quiz 2.4

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[2.5 Checks & Balances In Action](#)

Quiz 2.5

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[Unit 2 Assignment: Power in Action – The Branches at Work](#)

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Unit 2 Test

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## Unit 3: Public Policy & Federalism in Action

By the end of this unit students will know...

- How policy is created and carried out in the U.S.
- How federal, state, and local governments share policy responsibilities.
- Why policies can be controversial and difficult to change.
- How to judge whether a policy is effective or fair.

[Unit 3 Study Guide](#)

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[3.1 Federalism Crash Course: Who Does What?](#)

Quiz 3.1

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[3.2 How Policy Is Made](#)

Quiz 3.2

Completion ▾

[3.3 Fiscal Policy Tools](#)

Quiz 3.3

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[3.4 Regulation & the Bureaucracy](#)

Quiz 3.4

Completion ▾

[3.5 Evaluating Policy: Tradeoffs, Consequences, and Effectiveness](#)

Quiz 3.5

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[Unit 3 Assignment: The Policy Decision File](#)

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## Unit 4: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights

By the end of this unit student will know...

- The freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights and how they limit government power.
- How due process protects individuals in the justice system.
- How the government works to protect civil rights and promote equality.
- The historical struggles and progress made for equal rights in the United States.
- The role of the courts in defending liberties and civil rights.

[Unit 4 Study Guide](#)

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[4.1 Civil Liberties: The Bill of Rights in Action](#)

Quiz 4.1

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[4.2 First Amendment Freedoms](#)

Quiz 4.2

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[4.3 Due Process & Rights of the Accused](#)

Quiz 4.3

Completion ▾

[4.4 Civil Rights & Equal Protections](#)

Quiz 4.4

Completion ▾

[4.5 Landmark Civil Rights Struggles & Court Decisions](#)

Quiz 4.5

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[Unit 4 Assignment: Rights Dilemma Casebook](#)

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Unit 4 Test

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## Unit 5: Civic Participation & American Politics

By the end of this unit, students will know...

- How citizens participate in government and influence political outcomes.
- How voting and elections function in the United States.
- The role of political parties and interest groups in shaping policy.
- How media and public opinion affect political behavior.
- Ways individuals can engage in civic life beyond voting.

[Unit 5 Study Guide](#)

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[5.1 Voting & Elections](#)

Quiz 5.1

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[5.2 Political Parties & Ideologies](#)

Quiz 5.2

Completion ▾

[5.3 Interest Groups & Lobbying](#)

Quiz 5.3

Completion ▾

[5.4 Media, Public Opinion, & Political Communication](#)

Quiz 5.4

Completion ▾

[5.5 Civic Action & Citizenship](#)

Quiz 5.5

Completion ▾

[Unit 5 Assignment: "Fix One Thing" Challenge](#)

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## Final Exam

You will have access to the final after you have been enrolled in the course for at least 30 days and when all unit tests are completed, and [your assignments are graded](#).

**Warning:** You have only ONE attempt at the final. Are you ready to take the final? We highly recommend you take the practice final first, and if you are weak in any area, review the relevant course material again. You have unlimited attempts at the practice final; it will help you to prepare.

Remember, if you want to improve your grade in this course, you need to do that BEFORE you take the final exam.

Good Luck!!

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## Course Completion & Requesting a Transcript

**Warning** - If you are waiting for a resubmitted assignment to be graded, do NOT generate any course completion record until the teacher has graded it.

**Transcript** - Send a transcript to your school to report the credits you earned. A transcript will list all the courses you have taken with us, including those still in progress.

**Course Certificate** - This link cannot be accessed until you have completed the final. Upon satisfying this requirement, the link will become active.

**Feedback** - Before you go, we would appreciate your opinion on the course; please take 1 minute to complete the feedback form. We hope you enjoyed this course!

[Course Feedback](#)

Thank you for taking this course! Let us know what you think about it.

[Request a Transcript](#)

Notify your school that you have completed your course. Send them a transcript by email or mail. A transcript will list all the courses you have completed and those in progress.

[Certificate of Completion](#)

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