



Basic American Government B: Full Course Summary

Note: If this course is intended to be a Credit Recovery course, the following assumptions apply:

- This course is a core course at the “Basic” level in Connections Academy’s system, which titles courses as Basic, Standard, Honors, or Advanced Placement (AP).
- The student has previously taken this or a similar course but did not achieve a passing grade based on his/her school’s grading scale.
- This course will be modified by the teacher in order to skip over areas in which the student shows understanding of the material, leaving more time to focus on gaps in the student’s knowledge or understanding.
- Because Credit Recovery courses will be shortened and/or modified based on individual student needs, these courses are generally **not** appropriate for students who have **not** previously taken this or a similar course, nor for students wishing to accelerate their high school studies.

If a student wishes to take this course for the first time he/she will be expected to cover all material in the course without the above-noted modifications. Students must discuss this option with the NaCA Admission and Support Representative prior to enrolling in the course for the first time.

Course Summary

This is the second of two courses that comprise American Government. In this course, the student will acquire a basic foundation in economic theory. Glencoe's *United States Government: Democracy in Action* provides the basis for instruction. Along the way, he'll be learning about concepts such as supply and demand, competition in the marketplace, labor and management, and marketing and distribution. The student will also explore management of the U.S. economy, as well as the effects of globalization on national economies around the world. By the end of the course, the student will not only have a better understanding of his own economic decisions, he will also have a much more informed perspective on the world around him.

Unit 1: Liberty and Justice for All

In this unit, you will learn about the basic rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens. You will explore the freedoms granted by the Bill of Rights. You will also study U.S. immigration policy as well as the requirements for U.S. citizenship. Finally, you will learn about aspects of American law, including the concepts of equal protection, privacy, and equal opportunity.

Lessons

1. Constitutional Rights
2. Freedom of Religion
3. Freedom of Speech
4. Freedom of the Press
5. Freedom of Assembly
6. A Nation of Immigrants
7. The Basis of Citizenship
8. The Rights of the Accused

9. Equal Protection of the Law
10. Challenges for Civil Liberties
11. Sources of American Law
12. Civil Law
13. Criminal Law
14. Liberty and Justice for All Unit Review
15. Liberty and Justice for All Unit Test

Unit 2: Participating in Government

In this unit, you will explore the different ways in which Americans participate in the political system. You will learn about the role and organization of political parties. In addition, you will study the election process in the U.S. You will also explore the roles and responsibilities of voters, and discover how they influence and are influenced by the political system. Finally, you will learn about the roles of interest groups, public opinion, and the media in American government.

Lessons

1. Development of Parties
2. Party Organization
3. Nominating Candidates
4. Election Campaigns
5. Expanding Voting Rights
6. Influences on Voters
7. Participating in Government: Part I Review
8. Participating in Government: Part II Test
9. Interest Group Organization
10. Affecting Public Policy
11. Shaping Public Opinion
12. Measuring Public Opinion
13. How Media Impact Government
14. Regulating Print and Broadcast Media
15. The Internet and Democracy
16. Participating in Government: Part II Review
17. Participating in Government: Part II Test

Unit 3: Public Policies and Services

In this unit, you will explore public policies and services of the U.S. government. You will learn about how the government raises and manages money. You will also study the government's policies on business, the environment, public health, education, housing, and transportation. Finally, you will learn about the nation's foreign policy and how it has changed over time.

Lessons

1. Raising Money
2. Preparing the Federal Budget
3. Managing the Economy
4. Business and Labor Policy
5. Agriculture and Environment
6. Health and Public Assistance
7. Education, Housing, and Transportation
8. Development of Foreign Policy
9. Shared Foreign Policy Powers
10. State and Defense Departments
11. Foreign Policy in Action
12. Public Policies and Services Unit Review
13. Public Policies and Services Unit Test

Unit 4: State and Local Government

In this unit, you will learn about the different roles and responsibilities of state and local governments. You will explore the similarities and differences in their histories and organization. Finally, you will learn about the ways in which state and local governments influence your daily life.

Lessons

1. State Constitutions
2. The Three Branches
3. State Government Policy
4. Financing State Government
5. Structure of Local Government
6. Serving Localities
7. Challenges of Urban Growth
8. State and Local Government Unit Review
9. State and Local Government Unit Test

Unit 5: Political and Economic Systems

In this unit, you will identify the characteristics of different types of political systems. You will evaluate the relationship between economic decision-making and political freedom. Finally, you will compare capitalism, socialism, and communism.

Lessons

1. Democratic Governments
2. Authoritarian Governments
3. International Organizations
4. Global Issues
5. Capitalist and Mixed Systems
6. Emerging Economies
7. Major Economies in Transition

8. The Global Economy
9. Political and Economic Systems Unit Review
10. Political and Economic Systems Unit Test

Unit 6: Basic American Government B Final

In this unit, you will have the opportunity to prepare for and take the final exam. Since this is a comprehensive exam, it may be helpful to organize your notes in the order of the course outline before you begin to review. Using the test-taking strategies that you have previously learned can help you be successful with both objective and essay questions.

Lessons

1. Basic American Government B Review
2. Basic American Government B Final

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