



# NORTHGATE ACADEMY

## U.S. Government - Course Syllabus

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### Description:

Students will understand the firm Christian foundation that the United States was founded upon through this study of American Government. With a detailed presentation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, students will be able to see the emphasis on limited government that was intended by the Founding Fathers. Clearly display the 3 branches of government along with the responsibilities that citizens have to the government. Complete with section and chapter reviews, profiles on great Americans, and over 150 pictures and graphs to explain government processes and procedures, students will see how the United States' government allows her citizens the "unalienable rights" of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

**Textbook:** American Government (A Beka – Code 202223)

### Course objectives:

- Students will learn about the Christian foundation that the United States was founded upon, including the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the Branches of Government.
- Show understanding of material through written assignments, quizzes, and final exam.

### Contents:

#### Semester A

Chapter 1 – America: A Unique Nation  
Chapter 2 – Government Under God  
Chapter 3 – The Shaping of the American Republic  
Chapter 4 – The Constitution of the United States  
Chapter 5 – Congress: The Legislative Branch

Chapter 6 – The Presidency  
Chapter 7 – The Bureaucracy  
Chapter 8 – The Judicial Branch  
Chapter 9 – The Bill of Rights

#### Semester B

Chapter 10 – American Federalism  
Chapter 11 – State and Local Government  
Chapter 12 – The American Citizen in Action

### Grading Scale

A = 90-100%  
B = 80-89%  
C = 70-79%  
D = 60-69%  
F = under 59%

### Grade Weighting

Quizzes..... 35%  
Written Assignments... 35%  
Final Exam..... 30%  
**100%**