

American Government 2016-2017

Aug 17-19	Foundations of American Government	Jan 3 - Jan 6	Foundations of American Government
Aug 22 – Aug 26	Foundations of American Government	Jan 9 - Jan 13	Foundations of American Government
Aug 27- Sept 2	Chapter 1 & 2 Test The Constitution	Jan 16 - Jan 20	Chapter 1 & 2 Test The Constitution
Sept 5 – Sept 9	The Constitution	Jan 23 – Jan 27	The Constitution
Sept 12 – Sept 16	The Constitution & Federalism Chapter 3 & 4 Test	Jan 30 - Feb 3	The Constitution
Sept 19- Sept 23	The Amendments	Feb 6 - Feb 11	The Constitution & Federalism Chapter 3 & 4 Test
Sept 26 – Sept 30	The Amendments	Feb 13 - Feb 17	The Amendments
Oct 3 – Oct 7	Amendment Test The Legislative Branch	Feb 20 – Feb 24	The Amendments Amendment Test
Oct 10 - Oct 14	The Legislative Branch	Feb 27 - Mar 3	The Legislative Branch
Oct 17 – Oct 21	The Legislative Branch Legislative Branch Test	Mar 6 - Mar 10	The Legislative Branch
Oct 24 – Oct 28	The Executive Branch	Mar 13 - Mar 17	The Legislative Branch
Oct 31 – Nov 4	The Executive Branch The Judicial Branch	Mar 20 - Mar 24	The Legislative Branch Legislative Branch Test
Nov 7 - Nov 11	The Judicial Branch	Mar 27 – Mar 31	The Executive Branch
Nov 14 - Nov 18	Executive and Judicial Test US Constitution Review	April 3 – April 7	The Executive Branch
Nov 21 - Nov 25	US Constitution Exam	April 10 - April 14	The Executive Branch The Judicial Branch
Nov 28 - Dec 2	IL State Government IL Local Government	April 17 - April 21	The Judicial Branch
Dec 5 - Dec 9	IL Local Government	April 24 – April 28	Executive and Judicial Branch Test US Constitution Review
Dec 12 - Dec 16	IL State Government Review IL State Constitution Exam	May 1 - May 5	US Constitution Exam IL State Government
Dec 19-Dec 20	SEMESTER EXAMS	May 8 – May 12	IL State Government IL Local Government
		May 15 – May 19	IL Local Government IL State Government Review
		May 22 – May 26	IL State Constitution Exam SEMESTER EXAMS

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American Government gives a foundation in the knowledge of values, principles, and historical events, which have shaped the United States' government and the Illinois' state government.

Students must pass both the US and Illinois Constitutions with an 80% and the American Government class with a 65% to graduate from Elmwood High School.

Units of instruction include

- a review of the basic principles of government
- a study of the US Constitution
- civil rights and civil liberties
- the legislative process, lawmaking powers and how laws are made in a democratic society
- leadership through the executive branch of government and the power of the bureaucracy to carry out policies
- the courts system and legal processes at the national, state and local levels
- State and local government systems, the IL Constitution

Rules

1. No talking without permission.
** Any behavior that detracts from learning will not be tolerated.
2. You will be in your seat with all materials when the bell rings or it is a tardy.
3. No food or drink without permission.
4. There will be no breaks.
5. Makeup work is your responsibility. According to the student handbook, you have 1 day to make up work. If you are absent for more that 10 days, you must make up your work at the next Wednesday detention (or it is a 0). If you do not make up your work in the specified time frame, it is late and graded accordingly.
6. Homework
**Homework is due at the beginning of the period.
**If it is not done, it may be turned in by the next class period for ½ credit.
**anytime after that, it is a 0.
**You need a 2 ½”3 ring binder to store homework/tests/quizzes.
7. Cheating will be given an automatic zero on the assignment or test.

Grading Policy

1st & 2nd Nine Weeks Grade = 30%

- * Homework 45%
- * Tests & Quizzes 55%

Constitution Tests = 30%

- * US = 20%
- * IL=10%

Semester Exam = 10%

Example – Johnny got a 90 on his semester exam, an 85 1st nine weeks, a 75 the 2nd nine weeks, a 93 on the US Constitution Test, and a 80 on the Illinois Constitution Test.

$$90(.10) + 85(.30) + 75(.30) + 93(.20) + 80(.10) = 9+25.5+22.5+18.6+8.0 = 84$$