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| **USICA Course Outline/Syllabus** |
| **Grade/Course: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT 2106310** |
| **Grade Level:**10THHigh School |
| **A)TEXT BOOK: Holt American Government: Student Edition Grades 9-12 2003 [Hardcover] RINEHART AND WINSTON HOLT (Author)****ISBN-10: 0030646863 | ISBN-13: 978-0030646867** |
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| **Order No.:** 1 |  | **Code:**GOV3001 | **Class Type:**Online |
| **Resources:**Text bookTeacher works CD Teacher interactive onlineLinks |  |  | **Instructional Supports:**Textbook, Magazines, Journals, WebsitesLinks, Conference, CNN ResourcesMultimedia, Videos, PHSuccessNetComprehensive Reading Plan |
| Skype-ConferencePH Success NetCNN Resources |  | **Length:** 1 year |  |
| **Area:** Social Studies |  | **Credits:** 1 | **Total Numbers of class hours**:300 hrs |
| **Type:** Mandatory |  | **Standards:**Florida Sunshine State Standards | **Prerequisite:**Students must have successfully passed a Social Studiesclass in middle/high school. |
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| **B) Description:**  |

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| This American Government course will focus on the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute United States politics. Students will gain an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States both by studying the general concepts used to interpret U. S. politics and by analyzing specific examples. Students will learn how to analyze and interpret basic data relevant to U. S. government and politics. |

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| **C) Objectives:**  |

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| Students will:1. develop an appreciation for the study of American Government2. master a broad body of historical knowledge.3. gain an understanding of the significant people, issues, ideas, and events of  American Government5. improve reading, writing, and research skills.6. improve critical thinking skills. |
| **D) Contents** |  |

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| **UNIT 1 Foundation of Government**Chapter 1 Role of GovernmentChapter 2Origins of U.S. GovernmentChapter 3 The U.S. ConstitutionChapter 4 Federalism**UNIT 2 The Legislative Branch**Chapter 5 Role and Powers of CongressChapter 6 Congress at Work**UNIT 3 The Executive Branch**Chapter 7 The PresidencyChapter 8 Executive Branch at WorkChapter 9 Economic PolicyChapter 10 Foreign Policy and National Security**UNIT 4 The Judicial Branch**Chapter 11 The Federal Court SystemChapter 12 The U.S. Legal System**UNIT 5 Rights and Responsibility**Chapter 13 Fundamental Freedoms Chapter 14 Assuring Individual RightsChapter 15 Protecting Civil Rights**UNIT 6 The U.S. Political System**Chapter 16 Public OpinionChapter 17 Interest GroupsChapter 18 Political PartiesChapter 19 The Electoral Process**UNIT 7 State and Local Government**Chapter 20 State GovernmentChapter 21 Local Government**UNIT 8 The United States and The World**Chapter 22 Comparing Political and Economic SystemsChapter 23 International Relations |  |  |
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**E. Methodology**

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| **E)Academic Methodology:** |
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|  Tests | 30% |
| Writing Reports | 20% |
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| Homework |

 | 5% |
|  Class Work |  20% |
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| Reading Assignment |

 |  25% |

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| **F) Book Reference:** |
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1.American Government [Paperback] by Robert Heineman (Author), Steven Peterson (Author), Thomas Rasmussen (Author)

2.American Government: Institutions and Policies: The Essentials, 13th Edition [Paperback] by

James Q. Wilson (Author), John J. Dilulio Jr. (Author), Meena Bose (Author)

3.Thinkwell American Government 3rd Edition by Thinkwell Corp

4.American Government: Roots and Reform, 2011 Edition (11th Edition) [Paperback] by

Karen O'Connor (Author)

5.Magruder's American Government [Hardcover] PRENTICE HALL (Author)

6.Painless American Government (Barron's Painless) Paperback by Jeffrey Strausser(Author)

7.American Government (11th Edition) [Paperback] by Walter E. Volkomer (Author)

**H) Web Reference:**

[**www.successnetplus.com**](http://www.successnetplus.com)

[**http://www.nps.gov/jofi/index.htm**](http://www.nps.gov/jofi/index.htm)

[**www.americanlibrary.gov**](http://www.americanlibrary.gov)

[**www.congress.gov**](http://www.congress.gov)

[**www.whitehouse.gov**](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

[**www.loc.gov**](http://www.loc.gov)

[**www.socialstudies.org**](http://www.socialstudies.org)

[**http://www.headlinespot.com/subject/government/**](http://www.headlinespot.com/subject/government/)

[**http://www.america.gov**](http://www.america.gov)

[**http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\_menus/constpap.asp**](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/constpap.asp)

[**http://www.law.ou.edu/hist**](http://www.law.ou.edu/hist)

[**http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html**](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html)

[**http://www.historyplace.com/**](http://www.historyplace.com/)

[**http://www.americancivilwar.com/**](http://www.americancivilwar.com/)

[**http://www.thefreedictionary.com/US+Government**](http://www.thefreedictionary.com/US%2BGovernment)

[**http://beta.congress.gov/**](http://beta.congress.gov/)

**I.Journals:**

Journal of Government

The National Council of Social Studies

The Journal of Social Studies Research

**J.Magazines:**

The Civil War Magazine

Smithsonian magazine, published by the Smithsonian Museum

National Civic Review

**K. Organizations:**

National Association of Teachers of Social Studies

**M. Comprehensive Reading Plan**

Students are required to read at least 1 book or their equivalent during each class

as independent reading at-home. Students must also read for 30 minutes at home as part of their daily homework assignment in all subjects. Check your Class Reading Assignment at [www.USICAhs.org/CURRICULUM](http://www.USICAhs.org/CURRICULUM) and check free ebooks at [www.openlibrary.org](http://www.openlibrary.org) .

**Text Book Description:**

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