

Arlington High School 2016-2017
Social Studies Department
U.S. Government
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In this course, we will explore the basis upon which the U.S. Government is founded. Emphasis will be placed on the three branches of the U.S. government and their functions as well as current events. The roles Americans play as citizens will also be examined. This course is required for graduation.

We will use the following textbook throughout the semester Holt McDougal's *American Government*.

Each student will need a 1" three-ring binder, notebook paper and a writing utensil each day.

Throughout the semester we will cover the following areas:

Basic American Values; Citizenship and What It Means To Be A Citizen; Forms of Government; Legislative, Judicial and Executive Branches; The Supreme Court and It's Impact on Religion and Education; The Role of the Media in Government

Homework will be given almost every night. Homework is due at the beginning of class. You will have several tests and quizzes each 9 weeks. All tests and quizzes are announced ahead of time.

Class will begin with bell work each day. The bell work will be graded every Friday. Current Events will be due by Friday.

The grading scale will be as follows:

93-100	A
85-92	B
75-84	C
70-74	D

Your attendance is both required and needed, as we will be having a large amount of discussion. Please refer to the Student Handbook for a copy of the ACS attendance policy.

In order to maintain a productive and fun learning environment some basic rules need to be followed:

- 1) No Fighting
- 2) Be seated when class starts
- 3) Do Not Use Profanity
- 4) No food or drink
- 5) You must be in dress code (refer to the student handbook for details)
- 6) Follow all rules that have been established by the ACS Board of Education
- 7) No Cell phones/ ipods

