

Principles of United States Government
Course Syllabus
(SY 2009 – 2010)

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Credit: ½ Carnegie Unit (graduation requirement)

Course Description: This course covers the United States as a political entity from America's Founding Documents to selected aspects of Comparative Governments.

Content Standards:

- Principles of U.S. Government
- Branches of Government
- Elections and the Political Process
- Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens
- Federal Government and the Economy
- Comparative Government

Materials:

A notebook that allows easy removal of pages; black or blue ink pen

Text:

United States Government: Democracy in Action by Glencoe (2006)

Course Requirement:

Preparation of standards related assignments

Weekly reflection of one city related current event

End of Course (EOC) five-page paper

Note: A class related BLOG is available for students. A maximum of four per advisory will receive 25 extra credit points for each BLOG.

Attendance Policy: See Ellington's Community Handbook

Grading: A point system is used for each advisory

You will add a zero to the end of the regular scoring system (example:

100 – 94 = A; 1000 – 940 points = A)

A weekly overview of the class is at Penpuhr.com.

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First semester grades can be viewed at anytime at Engrade.com (students have been given an access code). Semester 2 is subject to electronic grade book changes.

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