

Principles of United States Government
Course Syllabus
(SY 2011-2012)

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Credit: ½ Carnegie Credit

Course Description: The course covers the creation of the Nation through modern day events involving the United States government. The United States Constitution and other founding documents will be addressed. Political philosophies, founders, branches of government, legal cases, the economy, and the impact of the global community on the United States will also be examined.

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 loose leaf notebook or section of a notebook, black or blue ink pen

Textbook: *United States Government: Democracy in Action* by Glencoe

Course Requirement:

Preparation of Standards related assignments and projects

Weekly reflection of one at least one city related current event

An interview with a long-time resident of the city

End of Course (EOC) five page paper