

US Government: Course Outline and Pacing Guide

The timetable below shows projected dates but changes may be made at the teachers' discretion.

The set text for this course is *Magruder's American Government* and chapter references are to that book. Students are expected to obtain their own copy of the book (from the Bookroom) and can expect to use it regularly though not everything covered in this book will be studied in detail and other materials will be used during the course.

Aug 25 – Sep 12	Unit 1:	<i>Foundations and Principles of American Government</i>	
		Principles of Government	Ch 1
		Origins of American Democracy	Ch 2
		The Constitution	Ch 3
		Federalism	Ch 4
Sep 15 – Sept 26	Unit 2:	<i>Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and Civic Responsibilities</i>	
		First Amendment Freedoms	Ch 19
		Protecting Individual Rights and	Ch 20
		Equal Justice under the Law	Ch 21
Sept 29 – Oct 14	Unit 3	<i>Democracy in Action: The People</i>	
		Political Parties	Ch 5
		Voters and the Electoral Process	Ch 6/7
		Mass Media and Public Opinion	Ch 8
		Interest Groups	Ch 9
Oct 15 – Oct 31	Unit 4:	<i>The Legislative Branch</i>	Ch 10 -12
Nov 3 – Nov 21	Unit 5:	<i>The Executive Branch</i>	
		The US Presidency	Ch 13/14
		Election of the President	
		Federal Bureaucracy and	Ch 15/16
		Financing Government	
Nov 24 -25	Unit 7	<i>State and Local Government</i>	Ch 24/25
Nov 26–Nov 28		THANKSGIVING BREAK	
Dec 1–Dec 11	Unit 6:	<i>The Judicial Branch</i>	
		Federal Court System	Ch 18
		Judicial Activism and Judicial Restraint	Ch 18
Dec 12 +Dec 15	Unit 8:	<i>Comparative Government</i>	Ch 22
Dec 16– Dec 19		FINALS	