

US Government

Course Information:

0.5 Credit

Asynchronous Spark Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.sparkeducation.com/>

Course Description:

The goal of this course is to foster informed, responsible participation in public life. Knowing how to be a good citizen is essential to the preservation and improvement of the United States democracy. The student will understand ideas, protections, privileges, structures, and economic systems that affect the life of a citizen in the United States political system.

Course Organization: The course is divided into twenty-five lessons contained in six units. Lessons are mostly text with some links to outside resources. Lessons are followed by a quiz and/or assignment(s).

Materials Required:

- Computer or tablet with Internet access

Academic Dishonesty: With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

Grading: In this course you will be graded on quizzes, assignments, discussion questions, a final project, and two post-assessments.

- **Quizzes:** There are 24 quizzes. Quizzes are mostly computer scored and you can see your incorrect answers immediately so you can retake if necessary. The question format is largely multiple choice but may also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer. It is also permissible to use notes, study materials, and books on the quizzes. You have 2 tries to take each quiz and additional attempts can be given upon request.
- **Assignments:** There are 26 assignments. Assignments are teacher graded and require you to create a document or media to demonstrate your understanding of the material. Writing assignments vary in length from one to six paragraphs. Assignments are scored on how well you backup your answers with evidence from the course material and your investigations.

- **Post-Assessments:** Post-assessments are cumulative. There is a post-assessment at the end of each quarter. The question format is largely multiple choice but may also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

Course Schedule: Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course. As your teacher, I will support you in meeting your goals. A pacing guide is provided in the course. The following is a list of Units that need to be completed.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Unit: Foundations of Government● Unit: United States Government● Unit: Rights and Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Unit: Courts and Elections● Unit: Types of Government● Unit: International Conflicts and Foreign Affairs

Subject to Change

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Spark announcements.