



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHARTING THE COURSE

Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Virginia and United States Government
(SO 2440)
Online (SOO 440)
One United States Government credit, One year
Grades 12

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Virginia and United States Government examines the purposes and structure of governments and the decision-making processes at local, state, national and international levels. Powers of each branch of government and the concept of federalism are examined through the study of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Virginia and local governing chapters and current issues and events. America's role in a changing world is discussed and our governmental and economic systems are compared with those of other nations. The free-enterprise system is examined as basic economic concepts, principles and models are explored. Democratic values and citizen participation are stressed and student participation in the community is encouraged.

PREREQUISITE

Virginia and United States History or

Advanced Placement United States History

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

None

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The teacher may choose to supplement textbooks with materials to extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from Classroom in Context (CLiC), which is a set of online resource databases, as well as daily newspapers, periodicals, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

STANDARDS OF LEARNING VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Please follow the link below to view the standards for Virginia and United States Government, from the Virginia Department of Education Website.

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4-4, 5-7, 5-19, 5-20, 5-44, 6-33, 6-7, 7-48, 7-49, 7-57 and Regulations 2-33.1, 4-4.1, 4-4.2,

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