

Course Overview

Content Area:

Course(s):

Time Period: **Year**

Length: **180**

Status: **Published**

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Aligned to Standards: College Board

Revision Date: 2023

In compliance with the NJ Student Learning Standards, climate change, career readiness, DEI (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity), as well as other standards have been integrated within the NBCRSD curricula (NJ Administrative Code Title 6A: chapter 8; Title 18A: chapter 35).

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Sequence- Unit Titles, Summaries, and Number of weeks per unit (total = 18 semester/36 year)

Unit I- Foundations of American Democracy (5 weeks)

- This unit introduces students to the philosophies that influenced the Framers of the Constitution. Important Constitutional concepts are analyzed and students evaluate the balance of power in American politics.

Unit II- Interactions Among Branches of Government (8 weeks)

- Students learn about the three co-equal branches of government and how each branch can cooperate and compete with the others. The policy making process and the means in which the branches are held accountable is also a focus.

Unit III- Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (8 weeks)

- Students examine the rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and the limitations of those rights. Landmark Supreme Court cases are studied, as well as important social and political movements.

Unit IV- American Ideologies and Beliefs (5 weeks)

- Students evaluate the process by which people's political identities are formed, as well as examining the pillars of American political culture. Students have an opportunity to exam how political opinions are measured and how they can change overtime.

Unit V- Political Participation (5 weeks)

- This unit examines the linkage institutions (media, parties, special interest groups) that connect the American people with our government. Students are able to assess how these institutions impact elections and policy making.

Unit VI- Exam Review (2 weeks)

- Students review essential material and prepare for the end of course exam.

Unit VII- Political Satire (5 weeks)

- The unit allows students to apply their knowledge of freedom of speech and ideology to examine satire. Students then create their own satire and present them to the class.

[Reporting Student Progress](#) (link to NB's Assessment System)

All courses follow a balanced assessment system with Practice and Assessments. Each category includes formative, summative and alternative assessments.

[Accommodations and Modifications](#) (link to menu)

Integrated accommodations and modifications for special education students, English language learners, students at risk of school failure, gifted and talented students, and students with 504 plans.