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American Government is a course that is designed to provide students with the skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically challenges of understanding American democracy. Issues to be learned include the historical and philosophical foundations of American democracy, Constitutional structure, Constitutional theory, the amendment process and the historical events surrounding our Constitutional amendments, and the defining and evolution of what American citizenship means. Be prepared to learn to budget your time and work hard.

*Minor Grades* = 60% (quizzes, labs, and graded assignments to assess certain standards in a unit of study)

*Major Grades* = 40% (unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments, and culminating assessments to measure mastery of standards that comprise a unit of study)

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