

12th United States Government & Economics Syllabus (**Regular and Advanced**)
Russellville High School Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

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On campus students may drop by from 2 – 2:45pm each day for any questions all year. My fall 2021 planning is 4th block. You may also email me.

Course Descriptions: U.S. Government and Economics

U.S. Government and economics are *two separate courses*. You will receive one half of a credit for each course. The fall 2021 government course will run from **August 11 – October 8**. The fall economics course will run from **October 11 – December 17**. The spring 2022 advanced government course will run from **January 5 – March 11**. The spring 2021 advanced economics class will run from **March 14 – May 27**. Each course is independent of the other. The government course will focus on the foundations and functions of federalism in our nation. The economics course will focus on the functions and institutions of modern-day economic systems and economic theory. Combined these classes will assist students in becoming productive citizens in society.

Materials Needed for Class

Textbooks: United States Government: Principles and Practice; Economics: Concepts and Choice. You will leave the hard copy textbook in your desk. There will be an e-version of both books on Schoology.

Pen (blue or black), Calculator (Economics), and 3X5 Note cards

3 ring binder (**This binder should only be for Government/Economics, not another class**)

Access to Schoology and Remind

Binder should be divided up into 3 Sections: Current Events, Classwork, and Notes

Advanced: William Golding's Lord of the Flies (Government or Economics)

You are expected to bring these items to class every day! Students who fail to bring these items to class will receive a zero on class assignments that cannot be completed due to lack of materials. Failure to bring your book and paper will result in a 10 point deduction from a chapter test of my choosing.

All Students are responsible for signing up for my classroom on REMIND.COM

Alabama State Civics Exam: All 2021-2022 RHS seniors will be required to pass a Civics Exam in order to graduate. Questions will be based on the US Citizenship and Immigration Test. THIS IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, NOT A STATE ASSESSMENT. Students will have to correctly answer 60 MC questions out of 100. Students can take the exam as many times as they can before graduation. The test will be given via SCANTRON online. Coach Taylor will give you the test dates ASAP

Grading

- (Major Grades) 60% of your grade will be determined by tests, benchmark tests, and projects.
- (Minor Grades) 40% of your grade will be determined through daily work, homework, and quizzes.
- Do not ask for extra credit. Extra credit will be given at the teacher's discretion. The student will **earn** the grade that they receive.

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Bulletin Board:

You may have the opportunity to design a bulletin board for the classroom. This is worth an extra test grade. Since this is open to all of my classes, you will only get **one** opportunity to design and create a bulletin board. The **requirements** are as follows: You must develop a topic **on your own** that deals with what we are discussing in class. The topic has to be approved by me. You will have to come up with your own materials. You must have a large title and plenty of information to “fill” the bulletin board. Gaps in the board with “dead space” will result in points deducted. You will have to schedule a time with me to develop and put up the board. This may be done individually, not as a group. **(A group board must be approved by me)**

Projects

Government: Political Cartoon Portfolio, Congressional Project, or others per instructor.

Economics: Stock Market & Entrepreneur Reports or others per instructor.

Current Events

Current events will be discussed on daily basis. You can expect a weekly quiz over the events that are discussed in class. (***Online students will provide a weekly article critique to be submitted***)

Study Tips

- Attend class and complete all reading assignments on time.
- Read and study the textbook and all handouts.
- Take notes in class.
- Review your notes on a daily basis.
- Participate in class.
- Please check the website for upcoming due dates and online assignments.
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How to Avoid Problems

- Do not talk while I am teaching.
- Ask questions.
- Don't skip tests.
- Schedule a conference with me if you are having academic problems.

Rules

- All rules in the student handbook apply and will be enforced.
- Only bottled water will be permitted in class. No bottled soft drinks or food.
- Inappropriate language **WILL NOT** be tolerated
- Sleeping will **NOT** be tolerated! Anyone caught sleeping will be referred to an administrator.
- You are expected to be quiet while I am teaching and during assignments.
- You are expected to take personal responsibility for your actions.
- Do not ask for extra credit.
- **DO NOT MESS WITH THE AIR CONDITIONER**
- Turn all work in on time or not at all.
- Do your own work. Cheating will not be tolerated. All parties participating in cheating will receive a zero. I will not write letters of recommendation for those who are caught being dishonest.
- Respect the following:
 - school property
 - others and their property
 - the right of others to learn
 - the teacher
 - yourself

Procedures

- Sit in your assigned seat.
- Check the dry erase board for assignments.
- Have your materials with you and ready for use when the bell rings.
- Put your name and date on all work.
- Raise your hand to ask questions.

Discipline

- Verbal warning/change of seat.
- Office referral

Schoology

In the event that you become sick, you will need to log into your Schoology account for my class to continue class assignments.

Make Up Work

- Excused absences: 3 days to complete missed work. It is your responsibility to approach the instructor for any missed work, and it is also your responsibility to turn in work on time. **I will not keep asking for work to be turned in.**
- Unexcused absences: a zero will be assigned to all missed work.
- It is ***your responsibility*** to schedule a time within **3 days** to make up any missed tests. Make up tests will be all discussion and will be given before or after school. If you fail to show up to make up a test a zero will be recorded into Schoology.

By signing this syllabus you are agreeing that you understand the expectations of this class. Please sign and return by ***Friday, August 13, 2021 (A Day) for a 10 point quiz grade***. ***Please use KAMI to initial and submit through Schoology.***

Student's Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date: _____ Date: _____