



Sequoia Charter School
Course Syllabus – Government/Economics

Course Information

Period: 1st & 6th period
Class Location: **BLDG 300 Room 309**
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Teacher Information

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Course Description:

This course is designed to give students a basic understanding of types of Government around the world and Economic styles from the past and present day. The first semester will be an in-depth look at different types of government and their strengths/weaknesses as well as comparing the effectiveness of each type of government to the others. The second semester will be an in-depth look at economic systems and how they have been used throughout history.

Course Competencies/ Learning Objectives

Students who successfully complete Government/Economics will be competent in the following areas:

- Students will be able to describe the different types of government throughout history and in the world today.
- Students will be able to pass the ADE required Civics Test.
- Students will gain a working knowledge of different economic systems from history and today.
- Students will be able to budget based on their income and expenses.
- Students will understand the value of investments, credit, savings, and different ways of growing monetary wealth.

Attendance

Attendance is vital to academic success. We expect students to attend school every day so that they will have the greatest opportunity to have a successful academic year. A student who has 10 absences (excused or unexcused) from a class within a semester may be withdrawn from the class. The student may lose the credit for that class, but may recover the credit by taking the class on-line or in a traditional class setting the following school year.

Online Grade Book

Did you know that you can access your child's grades and assignments? Parents and students should monitor grades regularly by accessing the online grade book, Powerschool. Parents will be assigned a confidential access code to Power School that will allow them to see your child's grades, assignments, and attendance in each class. To take advantage of this powerful tool, parents should go to <http://edkey.powerschool.com> and enter their ID and password. You can receive your ID and password from the front office.

Classroom Expectations

1. Arrive to class on time
2. Have the required materials for the class. Ex... Notebook, Paper, Folder, Pen/Pencil
3. Behave in a respectful manner toward your classmates, teachers, and others.
4. No electronic devices are to be used in class unless instructor gives permission for instructional purposes

Grades and Scale

Below 60% is considered "Incomplete." An "incomplete" signifies that a student has not mastered the essential standards or requirements of the course and must re-take it. The rest of the grading scale is as follows:

A = 100-90

B- = 89-80

C = 79-70

D = 69-60

Weight scale

- Class participation / attendance 5%
- Homework: 5%
- Projects/Papers / labs: 30%
- Classwork: 20%
- Quizzes /Test: 20%
- Final Exam: 20%

Tardy

Students are encouraged and expected to be in their class on time. A tardy is defined as "not being in an assigned seat when the bell rings". If a student is tardy six or more times in a five week period, he/she will be assigned to Behavior Intervention Program (BIP) by administration.

Suspensions

If a student is suspended, he/she may not make up the 'day to day' assignments. However, if there is a major test, project, or paper due during the suspension the student must still make up those assignments. Sequoia's late/missing work policy will be upheld for these assignments as well.

- Note: A student has the equal amount of days suspended to complete all missing assignments.

Classroom Expectations

5. Please raise your hand if you have a question or need something explained.
6. I follow the grading and late work policies outlined in the handbook. Please familiarize yourself with them.
7. Listen to the instructions given by the teacher.
8. Keep the classroom neat and clean.

Class Requirements

1. Please have the following items every day when you come to class...1) Notebook, 2) Folder,) Pen/Pencil
2. Please bring **one** of the following items for classroom use.... 1) Kleenex, 2) Pens/Pencils, 3) Dry Erase Markers
3. Participate in discussions and review. This will help your learning and allow us to have some fun while we spend time together.

Important: *If you are having trouble with this class, seek help immediately. If you wait till the end of the quarter/semester, it most likely will be TOO LATE to receive the proper amount of help to influence your grade.*

Please go over this with your parents/guardians, as the student and the parent/guardian are required to sign and return before August 11, 2017.

The signature portion will be counted as a homework assignment, and there will be a quiz over the material.

-----Please cut along the line and return-----

My student _____ has gone through the Syllabus for **Government/Economics**. We are both aware of the expectations of the class.

Please Print Parent Name _____

Parent preferred contact method. (Please circle one) Email Phone

- Email address: _____

- Phone number: _____

Parent Signature

Student Signature