

Wyoming Department of Education Required Virtual Education Course

Syllabus

Lincoln County School District # 2

Program Name	Star Valley Virtual School	Content Area	Social Studies
Course ID	SSGOV4050	Grade Level	12
Course Name	US Government	# of Credits	0.5
SCED Code	04151GO.5011	Curriculum Type	District Developed

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts of American government, the American political process and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. It is a one semester course offered primarily to senior students.

WYOMING CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

STANDARD#	BENCHMARK (Standard/Indicator) Use the Standards and Benchmarks as Spreadsheets
SS12.1.1-6	Citizenship, Government, and Democracy: Students analyze how people create and change structures of power, authority, and governance to understand the continuing evolution of governments and to demonstrate civic responsibility.
SS12.2.1-4	Culture and Cultural Diversity: Students demonstrate an understanding of the contributions and impacts of human interaction and cultural diversity on societies.
SS12.3.1-5	Production, Distribution, and Consumption: Students describe the influence of economic factors on societies and make decisions based on economic principles.
SS12.4.1-5	Time, Continuity, and Change: Students analyze events, people, problems, and ideas within their historical contexts.
SS12.5.1-4	People, Places, and Environments: Students apply their knowledge of the geographic themes (location, place, movement, region, and human/environment interactions) and skills to demonstrate an understanding of interrelationships among people, places, and environment.
SS12.6.1-4	Technology, Literacy, and Global Connections: Students use technology and literacy skills to access, synthesize, and evaluate information to communicate and apply social studies knowledge to global situations.

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT OUTLINE	STANDARD#	OUTCOMES OBJECTIVES/STUDENT CENTERED GOALS
Unit 1: Foundations of Government	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-5 SS12.3.1-6 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Understand the purpose of government and the classic forms of government, Define the different forms of governments, Describe American democracy and its democratic ideals and principles
Unit 2: Origins of Government	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Describe why the states' first attempt of national government proved too weak to last, Explain what happened at the Constitutional Convention, Demonstrate an understanding of conflict of ratification, Analyze the value of the Bill of Rights
Unit 3: The Constitution	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	List the ways the Constitution divided and limited government, Describe how the Constitution is an enduring document, Analyze the scope and impact of the Constitution
Unit 4: Federalism	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Discuss the federal system of government, Analyze how the balance of power between the national/state governments has changed over time, Appraise the balance of power between national/state governments today
Unit 5: Congress: The Legislative Branch	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Describe the role of congress in our government, Discuss the power given to congress (both expressed and implied), Compare the differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate, Describe how laws are made
Unit 6: The Presidency	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Define the role of the President in our government, Explain the powers of the Presidency, Describe the large team of people who help carry out the duties of the Executive Branch

Unit 7: The Executive Branch at Work	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Describe the federal bureaucracy, Analyze the departments and agencies that provide key services/regulate important industries, Explain how the government creates a budget
Unit 8: The Federal Courts and the Judicial Branch	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Describe the federal court system, Understand the role of the lower courts, Analyze the purpose of the Supreme Court
Unit 9: The Political Process	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Analyze the importance of public opinion, Describe the role of interest groups in our government, Evaluate the power of political parties
Unit 10: Civil Liberties	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Explain the importance of the Bill of Rights, Describe the fundamental liberties listed in the First Amendment, Analyze the way the Bill of Rights protects us from the government, Describe the ways in which the Constitution protects those accused of crimes
Unit 11: Civil Rights	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Analyze the meaning of civil rights in the USA over our history, Describe the importance of the 14th Amendment as it relates to civil rights, Explain the Civil Rights Movement and the laws that came out of it
Unit 12: Understanding Elections	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9	Analyze how election campaigns work, Discuss the role money plays in election campaigns, Describe the responsibilities of voters and the process of voting
Unit 13: Supreme Court Cases	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Describe the freedoms guaranteed in the First Amendment, Analyze the freedoms guaranteed in the Fourth Amendment, Explain the freedoms guaranteed in the Fourteenth Amendment
Unit 14: Making Foreign Policy	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Describe the goals, theories, and tools of U.S. foreign policy, Analyze the forces that influence our foreign policy, Discuss the purpose of the United Nations and other international organizations
Unit 15: Comparative Political and Economic Systems	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Compare the ways the democratic governments are organized around the world, Describe the essential features of authoritarian governments (both past and present), Analyze the world's different economic systems
Unit 16: State and Local Governments	SS12.1.1-6 SS12.2.1-7 SS12.3.1-8 SS12.4.1-9 SS12.5.1-4 SS12.6.1-4	Describe the powers of states within the USA and how state constitutions organize state governments, Explain how state governments are organized, Analyze the ways citizens can become involved in government