American Government
Curriculum map (effective 2021-2022 school year)

Month	Topics	Corresponding Readings
August/September—Fall Semester	1. Concept of Citizenship 2. Characteristics of all governments 3. The origin of the state 4. Historical roots of American democracy 5. Creation of America's first plan of government—The Articles of Confederation 6. Ratification of the Constitution	1. Macgruder's American Government Chapter 9 (p. 390-398) 2. Macgruder's Chapter 1 (p. 2-33) 3. Macgruders Chapter 2 (p. 38-72
October—fall semester	1. Fundamental Principles of the Constitution: Popular Sovereignty 2. Fundamental Principles of the Constitution: checks and balances 3. Fundamental principles of the Constitution: Judicial Review 4. Fundamental principles of the Constitution: Federalism 5. The formal and informal amendment process 6. The Executive Branch: Domestic and Foreign powers	1. Macgruder's Chapter 3 (p. 76-121) 2. MacGruder's Chapter 5 (p. 198-230
November—Fall Semester	1. Political parties: origin and development in the US 2. The Role of third parties 3. The selection of the President/operation of the electoral college 4. Civil Rights: Unalienable rights 5. Civil Rights: Freedom of Religion, Speech	1. MacGruder's Chapter 5 (p. 198-230) 2. MacGruder's Chapter 8 (p. 324-385
December—Fall Semester	1. Civil Rights: Due Process 2. Civil Rights: Rights of the Accused 3. Congress: The House of Representatives (structure and function) 4. Congress: The Senate (structure and Function) 5. How a bill becomes a law 6. The Composition of Congress	1. MacGruder's Chapter 8 (p. 324-385) 2. MacGruder's Chapter 4 (p. 126-195)