

U.S. Government (1 Semester)

Unit	Length of Time	Priority Standards	Instructional Materials	Assessment
Types of Government	3-4 weeks	HS 3	News articles Country descriptions	Citizenship Exam Create-a-state
Foundations of U.S. Government and Federalism	1-2 weeks	HS 2 HS 9	Foundational documents (Articles of Confederation, Constitution, Dec of Ind) Political Cartoons	Discussion
Legislative Branch	2-3 weeks	HS 4	Constitution Legislative resumes	Committee presentation
U.S. elections (can go later in the semester in a non-election year)	1-2 weeks	HS 10 HS 7	Debate clips Political ads Voters pamphlet Campaign websites	Mock Ballot
Executive Branch	2 weeks	HS 4	Constitution Debate clips Political ads Electoral maps	Presidential Research

			Electoral pro/con reading Electoral alternatives Presidential schedules	
Judicial Branch	2 weeks	HS 4 HS 12	Constitution Judicial resumes Case opinions	Case decision application
Bill of Rights and Constitutional Amendments	2 weeks	HS 1	Rights scenario readings Current and past court cases Political cartoons	Amendment applications Case studies
State and local government	2 weeks	HS 13 HS 5 HS 6	Oregon Constitution Local ballots Local government job descriptions	Letter to government official