

COURSE OVERVIEW

Government and Economics continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God’s activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course focuses on two major areas: Government, with special emphasis on American government, and Economics, with special emphasis on personal finance. These areas of focus target three major content strands: History, Government and Citizenship, and Economics.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Understand the basics of various philosophies of government.
- Understand the structure and functions of government and how the principles and values of American democracy (e.g., limited government and popular sovereignty) are reflected in American constitutional government.
- Understand how the overall design, as well as specific features of the U.S. Constitution prevent the abuse of power by using a system of checks and balances (e.g., federalism).
- Understand the role of political parties, the media, and the public on the political process.
- Know the characteristics of different economic systems (e.g., capitalism, mixed economy, communism).
- Understand basic terms associated with economic performance and the state of the economy (e.g., supply and demand, inflation, monopoly).

Additionally, students will gain practice in writing essays and reports, covering topics like elected officials, the Supreme Court, Christians in politics, on-line banking, the euro, and more.

UNIT 1: INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. Course Overview
	2. Why Have Governments?
	3. Types of Governments
	4. A List of Government Terms
	5. Quiz 1: Government
	6. Presidential Governments
	7. Parliamentary Governments
	8. Quiz 2: Forms of Government
9. One-Party and Multiparty Governments	
10. Aquinas, Aristotle, and Engels	
11. Machiavelli, Marx, and Milton	
12. Report: Governmental Officials	
13. Quiz 3: Political Thinkers	
14. Special Project*	
15. Test	
16. Alternate Test*	
17. Reference	

UNIT 2: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. United States Constitution
	2. The Bill of Rights
	3. States' Rights and Responsibilities
	4. Quiz 1: United States Government
	5. Executive Branch
	6. Judicial Branch
	7. Report: Supreme Court
8. Legislative Branch	
9. Quiz 2: Branches of Government	
10. How a Bill Becomes Law: Part 1	
11. How a Bill becomes Law: Part 2	
12. Quiz 3: How a Bill Becomes Law	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Alternate Test*	
16. Reference	

UNIT 3: THE AMERICAN PARTY SYSTEM	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. The American Party System
	2. Development of American Political Parties
	3. Republican and Third Parties
	4. Report: The American Party System
	5. Quiz 1: The American Party System
	6. How Do You Form a Political Party?
	7. Organization of a Political Party
	8. Nominations and Elections
	9. Quiz 2: Political Parties
	10. Making Voting More Effective
	11. Voting in Elections
	12. Quiz 3: Voting
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Alternate Test*
16. Reference	

UNIT 4: HISTORY OF GOVERNMENTS	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. A Primitive Government Primer
	2. Beginning of Democracy: Ancient Greece
	3. Ancient Roman Government
	4. Quiz 1: A Primitive Government Primer
	5. Feudalism
	6. Report: Feudalism
	7. Theocracy
	8. Democracy
	9. Quiz 2: Feudalism, Theocracy, and Democracy
	10. Fascism
	11. Nazism
	12. Quiz 3: Fascism and Nazism
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Alternate Test*
16. Reference	

UNIT 5: THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS GOVERNMENT	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. The Christian and American Government
	2. Discrimination and the Christian
	3. Christian Attitudes in American Society
	4. Quiz 1: The Christian and Government
	5. The Christian and Public Opinion
	6. The Christian and Media
	7. Quiz 2: Christian Attitudes and Public Polls
	8. Can I Get Involved in Politics?
	9. The Good and the Bad of Propaganda
	10. Quiz 3: Involvement in Politics and the Community
	11. Report: The Christian and His Government
	12. Special Project*
	13. Test
	14. Alternate Test*
	15. Reference

UNIT 6: FREE ENTERPRISE	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. Economics
	2. Economic Terms
	3. How Does an Economy Grow?
	4. Quiz 1: Economics
	5. A Guide to Learning World Financial Terms
	6. Unions and Labor
	7. Money: Its Use Through History
	8. Quiz 2: Finance and Labor
	9. International Finance
	10. U.S. Currency in History
	11. Quiz 3: Currency and Reserves
	12. Special Project*
	13. Test
	14. Alternate Test*
	15. Reference

UNIT 7: BUSINESS AND YOU	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. Running a Business
	2. Caveat Emptor
	3. Government and Business
	4. Quiz 1: Business and the Consumer
	5. Federal Reserve System
	6. Monopolies
	7. Quiz 2: Business and You
	8. Deregulation
	9. Bankruptcy
	10. Quiz 3: Business Concerns - Deregulation and Bankruptcy
	11. Report: Business and You
	12. Special Project*
	13. Test
	14. Alternate Test*
	15. Reference

UNIT 8: THE STOCK MARKET	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. The Stock Market: How It Started
	2. The Stock Market: How It Works
	3. Selling, Buying, and Brokers
	4. Quiz 1: The Stock Market
	5. Selecting Stocks
	6. What Causes the Stock Market to Crash?
	7. Quiz 2: Selecting Stocks
	8. Types of Stocks
	9. Tracking Stocks in the Newspaper
	10. Quiz 3: Types of Stocks
	11. Report: Stock Market Investing
	12. Special Project*
	13. Test
	14. Alternate Test*
15. Reference	

UNIT 9: BUDGET AND FINANCE	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. Your Personal Finances
	2. Spend Your Money Wisely
	3. Checking Accounts
	4. College Grants and Loans
	5. Quiz 1: Your Personal Finances
	6. IRA Accounts
	7. Buying a Car
	8. Credit Cards
	9. Quiz 2: IRA Accounts, Savings, and Spending
	10. Report: Buying A Car
	11. Special Project*
	12. Test
	13. Alternate Test*
	14. Reference

UNIT 10: BANKING	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. Deposit and Savings
	2. Bank Loans
	3. Using the ATM and E-Cash Cards
	4. Quiz 1: Banking Past and Present
	5. Savings and Loans
	6. Credit Unions
	7. Traveler's Checks
	8. Quiz 2: Savings and Loans and Credit Unions
	9. Report: Banking
	10. Special Project*
	11. Test
	12. Alternate Test*
13. Reference	

UNIT 11: INTERNATIONAL ISSUES	
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS	Assignment Titles
	1. World of the Euro
	2. Report: The Euro and Its Impact
	3. Centers of International Finance
	4. Quiz 1: Euro and International Finance
	5. The Global Traveler
	6. U.S. States and Capital Cities (1)
	7. U.S. States and Capital Cities (2)
	8. Quiz 2: U.S States, Capital Cities, and the Global Traveler
	9. Close Trading Partners
	10. The Holy Land and Current Issues
	11. Christian Heroes and Their Lands
	12. Report: Israel
	13. Quiz 3: Neighbors, Heroes, and the Holy Land
	14. Special Project*
	15. Test
	16. Alternate Test*
17. Reference	

(*) Indicates alternate assignment