

**Semester-at-a-Glance**  
**US Government**

**Course Description:** Students need to be informed, connected, and engaged participants in the American Political system. Students must understand the ramifications of political decisions from the local & state, to national, all the way to international implications. Students will know the basic building documents of the American Political system, their history and impact on current policies. Students will investigate the structure of the American government system, the three branches, Federalism and how these philosophies interact to form the American political milieu.

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| <b>Semester</b> | <b>Unit 1</b> | <b>Foundations of Government and the Living Constitution</b><br>In this unit, students investigate the foundation of the US Government and the role and power of the US Constitution |
|                 | <b>Unit 2</b> | <b>Legislative Branch</b><br>In this unit, students investigate the role and power of Legislative Branch   |
|                 | <b>Unit 3</b> | <b>Executive Branch</b><br>In this unit, students investigate the role and power of Executive Branch   |
|                 | <b>Unit 4</b> | <b>Judicial Branch</b><br>In this unit, students investigate the role and power of Judicial Branch   |
|                 | <b>Unit 5</b> | <b>Participation and Public Opinion</b><br>In this unit, students will explore the ways individuals and groups influence and participate in government.                              |