

COURSE NUMBER: 2106
COURSE TITLE: Basic American Government
COURSE LENGTH: Semester, One Credit
PREREQUISITE: None
GRADE LEVEL: 11, 12

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class will cover the development and creation of American Government and the Constitution, the three branches of government, state and local governments, politics and voting, and citizenship.

COURSE RATIONALE:

American Government is a special education course designed to be a substitute course for American Government 1005.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

The emphasis of the course is based on information presented by the teacher and from the textbook. The students will participate in discussion of materials. Worksheets, student activities, videos and other sources of materials will be used.

ASSESSMENT:

Grades are based on daily assignments, quizzes, tests, and class participation.

CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Explain why American government was formed and how it developed
2. Understand the Articles of Confederation and the writing of the Constitution and its passage
3. Overview of the Preamble, the Constitution, and the Amendments
4. Understand the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial branches of government
5. Overview of local and state governments
6. Study the political parties and how they developed
7. Understand the voting process and how people can have a part in making laws
8. Explain the ways in which a person can become an American citizen