

Berlin Brothersvalley High School Year at a Glance Curriculum

Department: Social Studies
Course/Subject Title: Government and Personal Finance
Grade Level: 11th & 12th grade

Course Description:

This course will focus on understanding the workings of the United States government. During class, we will further apply these learned skills practically in order to prepare students to be successful American citizens as they move toward graduation. We will cover the specifics on voting, the foundations of the U.S. government, the elements of the Constitution, and foreign relations. In this mixed course, we will cover basic personal finance principles such as budgets, banking options, credit fundamentals, loan options, and tax basics. This course can be taken for college credit at Berlin High School through Penn Highlands.

Please see below for a concise outline of the course.

Units of Study	Competencies	Timeframe	Standards
Key Concepts & Documents	Students will be able to... Compare American democracy to other forms of government Analyze foundational documents	8 weeks	5.1.12.D 5.1.12.E 5.3.12.A
Elections & Political Participation	Students will be able to... Connect democratic ideals to voter participation	3 weeks	5.2.12.D 5.3.12.D 5.3.12.H
Branches of Government	Students will be able to... Identify structures and functions of the three branches of government at the federal, state, and local levels Apply concepts from each branch of government to assess how each works in connection with the others.	13 weeks	5.1.12.D 5.2.12.C 5.3.12.A
Civil Rights and Liberties	Students will be able to... Categorize rights and liberties and how they are played out in action	3 weeks	5.1.12.E 5.2.12.D 5.3.12.F
Public Policy	Students will be able to... Analyze the role of government in public policy Connect policy to government action	4 weeks	5.2.12.C 5.3.12.D 5.3.12.H

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Civic Responsibility and Global Citizenship	Students will be able to... Analyze the role of government in public policy at the international level Connect policy to government action at the international level	5 weeks	5.1.12.E 5.3.12.D 5.4.12.B
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*Please visit pdesas.org for a complete list of standards taught in this course and for more information regarding PA State Standards for this course.