



Chinese Christian Schools

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Government Course Syllabus

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Course Description: This one semester course actively connects government to the everyday lives of CCS students. The core objective is to learn and understand the principals of government established by God and to analyze those principals in comparison with the government of the United States of America. The expected outcome of this course is that students will be inspired and prepared to active, Godly citizens of the United States.

Textbook: *Government Alive!*
Power, Politics, and You

Supplies:

- Textbook
- Spiral notebook (college ruled)
- folder or 3 ringed binder
- pens and pencils
- green pen
- expo markers (red, black, and blue)
- 3x5 cards

Grading Policy

This course grade will be determined by **total point** performance achieved by the student on class projects, test, quizzes, handouts, oral participation, debates, and essays. The percentage for determining a student's grade are as follows:

<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>
97-100%	A+	77-79%	C+
93-96%	A	73-76%	C
90-92%	A-	70-72%	C-
87-89%	B+	67-69%	D+
83-86%	B	63-66%	D
80-82%	B-	60-62%	D-
		50-59%	F

Semester Breakdown:

1st Quarter: 42.5%
2nd Quarter: 42.5%
Semester Final: 15%

Quarter Grade Breakdown: **Total Points** Earned in Each of the following Categories

Class participation/attendance

Homework/class work/essays

Exams/Quizzes

Rules for Written Work

1. Use standard school heading on **8 ½ x 11-inch** paper. **Leave margins on both sides of the paper.** Assignment title should always be written in the center of the paper under the standard heading. A standard school heading includes your name, class, due date, and type of assignment (test, quiz, timed write, rough draft, final draft):

Name

Due Date

World History

Assignment

Title

2. All rough and final drafts of writing assignments must be:
 - Typewritten
 - Times New Roman #12 font
 - 1 ¼ -inch margins
 - Double –spaced
3. To award credit for your work, I must be able to read your writing. Assignments with illegible writing will be returned to you to resubmit and will be counted as **late work**.
4. All essays, research papers (both rough and final drafts) **must** be submitted to www.turnitin.com. Essays, research papers not submitted will receive **50% credit maximum**.

Late and Missing Work

- The student is responsible to inquire about work and due dates missed during his or her absence.
- There is no penalty for late work due to an excused absence, providing it is made up within two days after returning to school.
- Unexcused late work will be accepted any time before the quarter cut-off (which will be announced by the teacher prior to the quarter's end), but that assignment will not receive a grade higher than a "C".
- All missing work will receive a 25% "F" at the end of the quarter.
- If you experience computer or printer problems, you are still responsible to turn your assignment in on the day it is due. If you need to use the school's computer, you must plan ahead. Do not come to class and then ask to print your paper.
- I allow one "oops" per semester, but it must be accompanied by a note from your parent or guardian.

Class Discipline

“And whatever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto man” (Col. 3:23)

Mental Attitude

1. I shall **show respect** to *every* individual in the classroom – including your teacher.
2. I shall be prepared for class, and will work diligently and enthusiastically to accomplish my goals for this class.
3. I expect to succeed and honor God by maximizing my opportunity to learn and grow in this class (Mathew 25:14-30 *The Parable of the Talents*).
4. No whining.

Promptness and Preparation for Class

When the bell rings, you are expected:

1. to be **quietly** sitting in your assigned seats ready to begin or already working on bell work. Students who arrive late without a tardy pass or who are not in their seats will be marked tardy. Late arrivals are disruptive to the class and disrespectful to the other students and to me.
2. to be **ready** work with whatever materials are needed – pens, pencils, binder, homework assignments, notes, text book, **Bible**, catechism, 3x5 note cards, etc. Except in an emergency, please do not ask to go to your locker to retrieve these items.
3. to place **homework assignments** in the “Homework” folder at the front of the classroom prior to taking your seat. **Essays, research papers and/or their drafts** are to be placed in the “Essay” folder at the front of the class prior to taking your seat. You will know what is due by looking at the schedule on the whiteboard.
4. to **read the whiteboard** daily for assignments, due dates, changes in the schedule, and any other miscellaneous information. Copy the schedule from the whiteboard immediately after taking your seat.

Unethical behavior

1. **Cheating** in any form will absolutely **not** be tolerated. Copying other students’ work (i.e. homework, essays, test answers) is cheating. Sharing is not caring. Students who cheat will receive an automatic zero percent F and a disciplinary referral.
2. **Plagiarism** (using the words of another without attribution) will absolutely **not** be tolerated. Any plagiarized work may receive an automatic zero percent F and a disciplinary referral.

Disrespectful Behavior

1. Keep your hands to yourself.
2. No leaving of one's desk without teacher's permission
3. No **sleeping** in class. If you feel yourself nodding off, please quietly go the back of the class. Stretch, have a drink or get something to eat. (Note: You are still responsible to take notes.) Quietly return to your seat when you are sufficiently refreshed.
4. No **talking** unless permitted by the teacher.
5. **Consequences** for habitual disrespectful behaviors:
 - A. First violation: Name on chalkboard (Subsequent violations → checkmark(s) behind one's name)
 - B. First check: Notice of Concern sent home & 15 minutes of written work.
 - C. Second check: Call home & 30 minutes of written work.
 - D. Third check: Disciplinary referral to administration with parent's comments.
 - E. Fourth check: **Teacher calls administration to the classroom:**
(or severe violation such as fighting or swearing) (Administration may: Assign demerits, In-school suspension; Suspension; Dismissal)

I have read and understand the class Syllabus and Discipline Plan for Economics, Fall 2010.

Print Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Disclaimer:

The instructor reserves the sole and complete right to modify this syllabus at any time and in anyway he sees fit.