

## HENRY FORD EARLY COLLEGE – ONLINE COURSE

### SEMESTER 1 – AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SYLLABUS & GUIDELINES

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IBLOG – [iblog.dearbornschools.org/asaigh1920](http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/asaigh1920) (\*copy of the syllabus will be on my IBlog)

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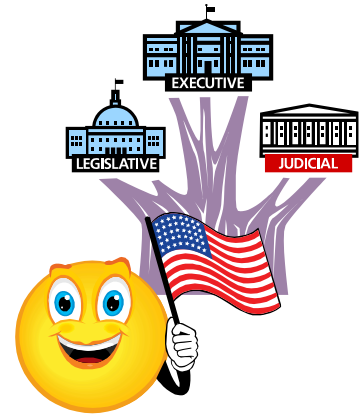
REMIND – class code: 929dkh

This semester students will learn about different aspects of the American government.

#### Objectives

Students will learn:

- The three branches of government
- The foundations of American government
- Comparative political and social systems
- Political behavior
- Participating in federal, state, and local government
- Current events of politics



At the end of the semester students will:

- Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of a federal system of government.
- Identify benefits and challenges of diversity in American life.
- Explain why people may agree on democratic values in the abstract but disagree when they are applied to specific situations.
- Engage each other in elaborated conversations that deeply examine public policy issues and help make reasoned and informed decisions.
- Meet other expectations of standards in civics, inquiry, and public discourse.

#### Methods

- Students will meet objectives through learning and experiencing reading, writing, lectures, discussions, audio/visuals, tests, quizzes, in-class activities, co-operative learning, secondary sources, and papers.

#### Textbook

- Students will receive a copy of the Magruder's *American Government* for home use over the course of the semester.
- Students are financially responsible for lost or damaged government textbooks.

#### Materials (when applicable)

- pen, pencil, loose leaf paper, notebook, folder,

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE CLASS\*\*\***

**- Class will have a mandatory once a week meeting. Attendance of each weekly meeting counts for a 10-point assignment towards the class.**

- Mandatory meetings will take place every Monday and if school is not in session on a Monday, meeting will take place on Tuesday.

- If I need to change the day of our meetings, I will let you know at least the day before via Remind/email.

**- If you know that you will not be able to attend the mandatory meeting on a given week, you must contact me at least one day before via Remind/email. Otherwise, you will be marked absent and given a 0 for that day.**

- In-class session will take place anytime a test or quiz is given. If a project is to be presented it will take place in-class as well. Students will be notified ahead of time when in-class sessions will take place outside of the mandatory weekly meeting.

- 1<sup>st</sup> hour class will meet during 1<sup>st</sup> hour and 0 hour class will meet during 3<sup>rd</sup> hour.

- On days where there isn't an in-class session, I will have my office hours for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hours (no office hours for 3<sup>rd</sup> hour on Wednesday when hospital schedule starts). Students are welcome to come in anytime during office hours for tutoring, assistance, or to work on online material in my classroom.

- Students are fully responsible to ensure assignments are completed and submitted on time online. Any late work results in a 25% grade reduction. For every week thereafter of a late assignment, the grade is reduced by an extra 10% until submission.

- No late work assigned during a specific card marking will be accepted after said marking period is done.

Marking period 1 end date – October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Marking period 2 end date – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Marking period 3 end date – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Any technical issues with iLearn is to be addressed with me in person. You must make sure you are signed up for the class in Remind also. If you don't have access to a cell phone, you must visit my blog as I will post any new announcements on there as well.

- Students are responsible to check in often on iLearn or my blog to stay up to date with this course. Do not rely solely on my communication via Remind/email being an online course, especially.

**ALL STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## IN-CLASS GUIDELINES

- 1) **No electronic devices of any kind are allowed to be used or seen during class unless granted permission.**
  - if any electronic devices are used or seen during class they can be confiscated and held onto until the end of the school day at 2:00 or until a parent picks it up.
- 2) **No food is allowed.**
- 3) **Students are responsible to make-up any work due to absences.**
- 4) **Any quiz/test is to be made up during office hours only.**

## COURTESY/PARTICIPATION

- All students are expected to participate in the learning process. This means class participation during weekly meetings and completion of mandatory and voluntary work online.
- Of course, all students are expected and required to perform and complete all activities and assignments in and out of the classroom.
- In this class, there will be discussions of controversial issues of society. **All students are expected to respect the opinions and perspectives of everyone else.**\*\*\*

## GRADING

- Summative: tests, quizzes, papers, big projects
- Formative: in-class assignments, homework, small projects
  - *The decision whether an assignment is formative or summative is left up to the teacher as well.* \*\*
- **Re-takes: Only ONE re-take for tests and quizzes is allowed to be taken per marking period. Re-takes will only be allowed for C- grades or lower. Students will only have five school days (from when the quiz/test is taken) to take the re-take. Once the five school days have passed then there will be no opportunity to take the re-take.** (Re-take guidelines and forms are outside the main office)
- **Extra credit will only be offered at the teacher's discretion.**

Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
100-95.0	A	81.9-79.0	C+	64.9-62.0 (D-)
94.9-92.0	A-	78.9-75.0	C	61.9-0.0 (E)
91.9-89.0	B+	74.9-72.0	C-	
88.9-85.0	B	71.9-69.0	D+	
84.9-82.0	B-	68.9-65.0	D	

\*Teacher may choose to round up the grade or not at any time. \*

**THE SIX BP'S – always expected in and out of my classroom from every student.**

- 1) Be prompt**
- 2) Be productive**
- 3) Be polite**
- 4) Be positive**
- 5) Be prepared**
- 6) Be patient**

I am looking forward to the beginning of this semester! I want to make sure each and every one of my students is in the most positive and safe learning environment. **Syllabus, course work, and guidelines may change at the teacher's discretion anytime throughout the semester.** I expect nothing less than for my students to meet classroom guidelines and expectations both academically and behaviorally throughout the semester.

Thank you,  
Mr. Saigh

Please return this page to Mr. Saigh with the proper signatures.

*I have gone through/read over, understand, and will perform all expectations of the syllabus and classroom guidelines and expectations for Mr. Saigh's online government class.*

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student's name (printed)

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parent/guardian signature

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student's signature

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date