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# American Government

## 31-306A/B

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### Overview

This course is taught over 2 trimesters and provides a thorough examination of American Government at the national level primarily, as well as some state & local government to prepare for the end of course state exam. Time is also spent on relevant current events.

### Goals

1. Understand the function of government at all 3 levels.
2. Identify the branches of government, their leaders, and functions.
3. Understand various historical documents/readings relevant to American government.
4. Identify the powers, concurrent, expressed (enumerated), and reserved to the 3 levels of government.
5. Understand the importance of voting, civic engagement & public policy.
6. Full understanding and some analysis of the Constitution, Bill of Rights, relevant Supreme Court decisions, and fundamental principles.
7. Identify & keep track of current events.

### Requirements

**JOIN Google Class...code 1uai323. And use Miller's Learning Cave**

**PARTICIPATE** –Participation may be worth about 10% of your final grade. Participating is contributing to class by answering/asking questions, adding personal knowledge and/or bringing current events to the discussion, assisting others, commenting on *Google* classroom. **It is NOT** showing up & occupying a seat.

**SUPPLIES:** Folder, pens/pencils, red pen, highlighter, Chromebook

**TIPS:** Complete all assignments, study for all tests.

**EVALUATION** – Assessments, assignments, participation.

**EXTRA CREDIT** is available by completing political cartoon analysis assignments – see handout/website.

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### Spring Trimester 2019

Periods 1 & 2 and 4 & 5

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<http://millerslearningcave.weebly.com/>

**Google Classroom Code: 1uai323**

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### Materials

Text: Various Online Websites  
Supplemental information provided as needed.

### Extra Info

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#### GRADING SCALE

A+ 98-100 / A 93-97 / A- 90-92

B+ 87-89 / B 83-86 / B- 80-82

C+ 77-79 / C 73-76 / C- 70-72

D+ 67-69 / D 63-66 / D- 60-62

F 0-59

**Scores are NOT rounded up.**

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#### FINAL REMARKS

- **Keep all papers, notes, etc.**
- **Keep track of your grades online.**
- **See me for assistance if you are falling behind or having difficulties.**
- **Late assignments are not generally accepted.**
- **Makeups are ALWAYS during lunch or after school.**
- **If you are absent, contact me via email/text to find out what you've missed and need to make up.**
- **It's important to stay current and NOT GET BEHIND!**