
H.S. GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS

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Course Objectives

For the first semester, we will be using Notgrass' *Exploring Government* as our core curriculum. "*Exploring Government* by Ray Notgrass is a one-semester course for high school. Explore the government of the United States from its beginning to the present with special emphasis on the Biblical pattern for government and on the U.S. Constitution. Learn about the operations of federal, state, and local government, and about issues facing our nation today. Become better equipped to understand, pray for, and be involved in our country's government."

For the second semester, we will be using Notgrass' *Exploring Economics* as our core curriculum. "*Exploring Economics* is a one-semester course that provides one half-year of credit for high school. Students learn Biblical teachings about economics from the Old and New Testaments and a history of the U.S. economy. The curriculum emphasizes the contrast between command economies and free markets. *Exploring Economics* helps students understand both microeconomics and macroeconomics. The course explains economic terms from supply and demand to GDP and the Consumer Price Index, giving students tools to understand what they hear in the news and to make wise economic decisions. One half-year English credit is also available through an optional literature and composition component.

Required Text

Exploring Government Curriculum Package, Ray Notgrass

*Optional - Student Review Pack

Exploring Economics Curriculum Package, Ray Notgrass

*Optional - Student Review Pack

Course Requirements

1. Attendance and participation: Attendance in class is required and has an effect on a student's grade. See below for late policy. Also, participation in class discussion and group work is 10% of your student's grade.
2. Absences/Late Work: Absences that are communicated to, and approved by, me as excused will allow your student to submit work upon his/her return to school. Work turned in after the due date will result in a 10 percentage point deduction, per week late (unless student has an excused absence).

3. Academic Integrity: Students will be required to complete their own work, without relying on significant outside assistance - unless it is for an approved group project. Students will also be required to properly cite sources for any material/video/media they use in papers, projects, homework, etc.

Homework/Grading

Homework will be provided each week through EngradePro.com.

Attendance/Participation: 10% Projects/Assign.: 40% Quiz/Test: 50%

Grading Scale - Standard (90 - 100 A / 0 - 59 F)

BONUS: This course can be supplemented with a literature package that, when used in conjunction with your student completing all of the assignments in the textbook (not just the Government and Economics assignments), will allow your student to earn a half credit of H.S. Government, a half credit of H.S. Economics, as well as two half credits of H.S. English.

In order to use this as a complete curriculum option, you would need to purchase the Exploring Government Literature Package and the Exploring Economics Literature Package. You would also need to follow the Literature instructions on Engrade and in textbooks to complete all required work. See <https://history.notgrass.com> for more information.