

## Virginia and United States Government

**School:** Middleton Academy

### **Course Description:**

Responsible citizenship means more than just paying taxes. It means understanding the principles and practices of government. It also means defining your beliefs as to what good government is. In this course you will explore the frameworks and workings of Virginia and United States Government.

As you progress through the course you will gain a greater understanding of how government functions at the local, state and national levels. You will expand your knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens.

You will complete work to enhance your understanding of the U.S. market economy and how it compares to economies of other nations.

The purpose of this course is to help you become an informed and active citizen. In part, the Declaration of Independence asserts that, "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed." Make yours an informed consent.

Access the site link below to view the PDF of the course description from the Florida Course Code directory.

<http://data.fldoe.org/crsCode/912/Social%20Studies/Political%20Science/pdf/2106310.pdf>

### **Course Prerequisites:**

This course is recommended for students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Estimated Completion Time:**

2 segments/32-36 weeks

### **Course Assessment and Participation Requirements:**

To achieve success, students are expected to submit work in each course weekly. Students can learn at their own pace; however, "any pace" still means that students must make progress in the course every week. To measure learning, students complete self-checks, practice lessons, multiple choice questions, projects, discussion-based assessments, and discussions. Students are expected to maintain regular contact with teachers; the minimum requirement is monthly. When teachers, students, and parents work together, students are successful.

### **Materials:**

- Students should have access to a computer.
- Students should have internet access. Continuous broadband Internet access is recommended.
- The ability/permission to install plug-ins or software (e.g., Adobe Reader or Flash) is recommended.
- The ability to download and save files and documents to a computer is recommended.

