



Mrs. Grundmeyer Agriculture Government & Economics

Student Course Outline and Expectations 2023-2024

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Course Description

This class is designed to allow students to further study the areas of forms of government, civic participation, economics, and the agriculture industry. Most of the time will be spent on lecture and projects. Workplace skills will be taught along with keeping a record of proficiencies accomplished with the students' projects. Community meetings and participation in local government experiences will be **required** to allow the student to experience government and economics first hand.

Students are encouraged to further develop their leadership skills by actively participating in the FFA program and the many opportunities that it has to offer.

Grading Scale:

- 84.6-100% ~ A
- 61.5-84.5% ~ B
- 38.4-61.4% ~ C
- 22.9-38.3% ~ D
- 22.8% - Lower ~ F

*Grade scale is based on the PLC model.



Items you'll need for class:

- Electronic Device
- Charger
- Notebook (provided)
- Pen, pencil, highlighter



We will be utilizing an electronic device **REGULARLY**. It will be the student's responsibility to arrive to learning with it charged. Please try to charge your device nightly or be close to an outlet.

Grading Policies

- 78% In Class assignments, Notebook, Tests, and Homework
- 12% FFA Participation
- 10% SAE Project (AET)

Mrs. G's TIP



Your class notebook is a large portion of your participation grade. Multiple updates will be provided but it's easy to get behind on. Keep your focus in this area. It will pay off in the end.

Course Policies and Expectations

• LATE WORK



- **ALL** assignments have a due date. **LATE WORK** will be accepted, additional time is required to input late work in Q.
- No late work will be accepted within 48 hours of the end of any grading period.
- **LATE WORK** will not be accepted beyond the end of the unit of study..
- **EXTRA CREDIT** will be offered to all students periodically throughout the school year. It is up to each student to take advantage of it. **NO STUDENT** will be offered an individualized extra credit assignments.
- **NOTEBOOK CHECKS** will be conducted and students will be required to keep their work organized. Students **UNPREPARED** on the day of a notebook check will receive a zero. Notebook checks can be made up for half credit within one week of the check.
- **FFA ACTIVITIES:** You must participate in approved FFA activities and earn **8** activity points each semester for full credit. (Ag Department Policy) *If you do not earn all FFA points you will not earn an A in class.*
- **SAE PROJECTS:** All students enrolled in an agriculture class must conduct an approved SAE project each year and keep accurate, up-to-date record books under the guidance of an advisor. (This rule does not apply for first year members, however by the end of their first semester all members will have outlined an SAE project in the AET system.)
- **PLAGIARISM:** Any student(s) caught cheating on a test or quiz, or copying any portions of assignments or lab reports will receive a **ZERO** for that activity. The student will **NOT** be able to make it up for partial credit.
- **Absent? MAKE-UP WORK:** It is the **student's responsibility** to ask for any work or assignments that were missed. There will be a space in my classroom where absent work will be stored. A reasonable time period will be permitted for make-up work when an absence has been deemed "excused" through the front office.
- Photo Release: The Norco High School Agriculture Department and FFA would like permission to use photographs of your child. (FFA social media, newsletters, bulletin boards, etc.) You may rescind photo permission at any time in writing.

Cell Phone Policy



Cell Phones (including listening to music) will be permitted **ONLY** when students are working individually on projects. When class begins you are expected to have your **devices stowed away** unless otherwise instructed. Students who continually access their personal devices at inappropriate times will have the appropriate disciplinary action taken. There is a time and a place for personal devices, I will always let the students know when it is and when it is not appropriate to have them out.

Course Outline

Foundations of American Government
Political Behavior: Government by the people
The Legislative Branch
The Executive Branch
The Judicial Branch
Comparative Political & Economic Systems
Participating in State & Local Governments
Introduction to Economics
Introducing Microeconomics
Business & Labor
Money, Banking, & Finance
California Agriculture
FFA and Leadership
SAE's and AET

LEARNING





WEBSITES



MRS. G'S TIP

Make sure the contact information is current for **PARENTS** and **STUDENTS** in Q Connect and REMIND. We send out a large amount of reminders regarding classwork as well as FFA Activities. I suggest students take advantage of the Text options.



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Google Classroom



Parent and Student Signature

As we enter the new school year, I will be asking that families sign the class syllabus digitally. Please click on the link below and complete the requested information.

A signed copy will be returned to you in the email that you provide.

I'm looking forward to an excellent school year. Let's work together to make this the best school year yet for our students. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Mrs. G

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