

SYLLABUS FOR CCS CIVICS 2021/2022

Please note: This syllabus serves as a **guide for lecture topics and general course information. The homework assignments will be assigned each week and ample notice will be given for quizzes, tests, and longer written assignments.

While these specific assignments may not be found on the syllabus, students can expect a weekly homework assignment and/or readings to be completed before the next week's class. In nearly all cases, adequate explanation and material will be given for students to complete the assignment; however, please do not hesitate to contact me at nancy@thejudaygroup.com or 540-550-7372 with any questions.

UNIT ONE: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

September 16, 2021:

Welcome

General Class Rules /Teacher's Expectations

Course Objectives/Review Syllabus

Why study Civics

Lecture: The Human Person/The Declaration of Independence

Assignment: Read the Declaration of Independence closely

Define its three parts and outline them

Possible Additional Readings

September 23, 2021

Lecture: The Human Person

The Declaration of Independence

Begin the Government

Review the handout

Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

September 30, 2021 - no class

October 7, 2021

Lecture: Government
Purpose of Government
In class quiz
Assignment: Handout – definitions and questions, and readings

October 14, 2021

Lecture: The Citizen and Self- Government
Assignment: Handout on readings – 1-2 paragraph essay

October 21, 2021

Lecture: The Citizen and Self Government
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

October 28, 2021

Lecture: Review Unit One
Assignment Test on Unit One – The Declaration of Independence

UNIT TWO: THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

November 4, 2021

Lecture: The Principles of the Constitution
Assignment: Read the Constitution - closely
Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

November 11, 2021

Lecture: The Principles of the Constitution
Assignments: 1-2 paragraph essay

November 18, 2021:

Lecture: The Congress
Assignment: Current event assignment
Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

December 2, 2021

Lecture: The Congress
Assignment: Definitions and Electoral College assignment

December 9, 2021:

Lecture: The Presidency
In class quiz
Assignment: Essay – choices will be given before Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 16 - JANUARY 4: CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 6, 2022:

Lecture: The Presidency and The Judiciary
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

January 13, 2021:

Lecture: The Judiciary – Major Supreme Court Cases
Assignment: 1-2 paragraph essay

January 20, 2022:

Lecture: The Bill of Rights/Amendments to the Constitution
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

January 27, 2022:

Lecture: Review Unit Two
Assignment: Test on Unit Two – The United States Constitution

UNIT THREE: POLITICS AND POLICY

February 3, 2022:

Lecture: Parties, Elections, and Campaigns
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

February 10, 2022:

Lecture: Parties, Elections, and Campaigns
Assignment: Writing Assignment – Elections

February 17, 2022:

Lecture: Civic Participation
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

February 24, 2022:

Lecture: Civic Participation
In class quiz
Assignment: Citizenship Project

March 3, 2022:

Lecture: State and Local Government - Virginia
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

March 10, 2022:

Lecture: Domestic Policy
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

March 17, 2022:

Lecture: Domestic Policy
Assignment: Current Event Essay

March 24, 2022:

Lecture: National Security and Foreign Policy
Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

April 7, 2022:

Lecture: Review Unit Three

Assignment: Test on Unit Three- Politics and Policy

WEEK OF APRIL 11th: SPRING BREAK

UNIT FOUR: CHALLENGING AND DEFENDING AMERICA'S PRINCIPLES

April 21, 2022:

Lecture: The Founding: The Exception to the Rule

Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

April 28, 2022:

Lecture: Abolitionism vs. Slavery

Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

May 5, 2022:

Lecture: Abolitionism vs. Slavery

In class quiz

Assignment: Assignment: Analysis - Gettysburg Address and The Emancipation Proclamation

May 12, 2022:

Lecture: Progressive Government

Assignment: Handout – definitions, questions, and readings

May 19, 2022:

Lecture: Progressive Government and Civil Rights vs.
Discriminatory Laws

Assignment: FINAL ESSAY/TEST

May 26, 2022:

FINAL CLASS – COURSE REVIEW