

Civics

SSTH 001 057

Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours | NCAA Approved

Course Description

This course provides an overview of the structures and functions of federal, state, and local governments in the U.S., including the Nebraska unicameral legislature, the organization and function of political parties, and the election process. Students will focus on the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, the importance of community involvement and their place in the civic process. They will gain an understanding of how various levels of American government affect the lives of individuals and will, through course activities, participate in civic engagement on the community level and gain valuable insights into ways people can influence their governments on local, state, and national levels.

Course Assessments

5 Teacher Connect Activities, 5 Unit Evaluations, 3 Projects, 3 Progress Tests

Course Objectives

When you have completed the materials in this course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the history of American immigration and the status of immigrants today.
2. Examine how people become United States citizens and legal residents.
3. Identify the civil liberties, civil rights, duties, and responsibilities that Americans have.
4. Discuss theories about government and the functions government serves.
5. Summarize the American Revolution and how the United States was founded.
6. Explain the reasons for the Bill of Rights and separation of powers.
7. Analyze how the three branches of the United States government operate.
8. Evaluate how federal, state, and local governments interact in the American federal system.
9. Assess America's role in the global community.
10. Compare different views about social, political, and community matters.
11. Share your own ideas about political matters and community issues.
12. Take part in political processes and community activities.

Course Outline

Unit 1: Americans, Citizenship, and the Law

Lesson 1: Being an American

Lesson 2: Citizenship

Lesson 3: Citizens and the Law

Unit 2: Government and the Constitution

Lesson 4: Forms of Government

Lesson 5: The First American Governments

Lesson 6: The United States Constitution

Unit 3: Separation of Powers

Lesson 7: The United States Congress

Lesson 8: The President of the United States

Lesson 9: The Judicial Branch

Unit 4: State and Local Governments

Lesson 10: State Government

Lesson 11: The Nebraska Unicameral

Lesson 12: Local Governments

Unit 5: Parties, Voting, and Global Relations

Lesson 13: Political Parties

Lesson 14: Voting and Public Opinion

Lesson 15: The Global Community

Required Textbook and Materials

(available through Follett virtual bookstore at <http://highschool.nebraska.bkstr.com>)

Textbook: *Building Citizenship: Civics and Economics, 2016 ed.* (ISBN: 9780076601202)