

U.S./VA Government (DE)

U.S./VA Government (DE) teaches the political structure, processes, institutions, and a policymaking of the U.S. national government. Students will focus on the three branches of government, their interrelationships, and how they shape policy. The courses will address federalism; civil liberties and civil rights; political socialization and participation; public opinions and the media; interest groups; political parties; elections; and policymaking. Students will demonstrate well-rounded knowledge of American government and politics; demonstrate an understanding of how political scientists analyze and interpret the foundations, institutions, processes, and actors that constitute American government and politics; and demonstrate critical thought about American government and politics. Successful completion of the course equates to PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics (3 credit) at NOVA.

Credits 1

Grades

12

Course Designation

Dual Enrollment (DE),

Weighted (1.0W)

Schools

Battlefield High School

Colgan High School

Forest Park High School

Freedom High School

Patriot High School

Woodbridge High School

Prerequisites

[U.S. and Virginia History](#)

Notes

To enroll in this course, students must meet all eligibility requirements established by NOVA.