



**VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
CHARTING THE COURSE

***Department of Teaching & Learning***  
***Parent/Student Course Information***

***Virginia and United States Government***  
***(SO 2440)***  
***Online (SOO 440)***  
***One United States Government credit, One year***  
***Grades 12***

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Virginia and United States Government examines the purposes and structure of governments and the decision-making processes at local, state, national and international levels. Powers of each branch of government and the concept of federalism are examined through the study of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Virginia and local governing chapters and current issues and events. America's role in a changing world is discussed and our governmental and economic systems are compared with those of other nations. The free-enterprise system is examined as basic economic concepts, principles and models are explored. Democratic values and citizen participation are stressed and student participation in the community is encouraged.

**PREREQUISITE**

Virginia and United States History or

Advanced Placement United States History

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

None

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

The teacher may choose to supplement textbooks with materials to extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from Gale resources, which is a set of online resource databases, as well as daily news, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

## **STANDARDS OF LEARNING VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

Please follow the link below to view the standards for Virginia and United States Government, from the Virginia Department of Education Website.

**[VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT](#)**

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