

# United States Government and Economics

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Intl. [2 periods per week]

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## Course Description

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The aims of the course are to teach the fundamentals of US government and economics to enable informed citizenship and participation. Skills include: organization, analysis, expression, elaboration both verbally and in writing, debate, and research. The class will begin to develop some specific IB paper 1 skills.

## Timeline

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Semester 1: US Government. September (Democracy, the Constitution), October (Parties, Federal/State/Local Government), November-December (Changes in US Government over time)

Semester 2: US Economics: January (Capitalism & the Stock Market), February-March (the Economy and Social Programs), April-May (the Economy and Foreign & Domestic Policy)