



**LEGACY**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**GOVERNMENT**  
**Summer Course**  
**2022**  
**Overview**

Weeks of 6/1 - 7/8  
In-Class Time: 1:00-3:00 pm  
Location: TBD  
Instructor: Ben McGowan  
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**Purpose:**

Legacy Christian Academy is offering Government as a Summer course in order to provide students with the ability to complete a graduation credit requirement outside of the regular school year schedule, and thus allow more course opportunities during the '22-'23 regular school year.

*Government is a .5 credit course, usually held during one quarter of the Freshman year, and is a graduation requirement.*

**Course Tuition:**

The tuition for this course is \$450, paid in full by Monday, June 6th. A deposit of \$100 may be paid at any time before the full tuition is due in order to maintain a spot in the course. All checks should be made out to Legacy Christian Academy. There is also an online payment method accessible through the Legacy website, where tuition and other fees are paid.

**Admission:**




- Only those students who are already enrolled at LCA for the '22-'23 school year may take the Summer Government course.
- Registration for the Government course opens [DATE] and ends Monday June 6th.
- In order to be considered fully registered, applicants must sign up with Mr. McGowan and pay either a deposit of \$100 or the full tuition amount of \$450 to the LCA Business Office.
- Full payment received after Monday, June 6th will be charged a late fee of \$50.
- Cancellation or withdrawal must be communicated to Mr. McGowan by email. Cancellations or withdrawals communicated before Friday, June 3rd are refundable; those communicated after Friday, June 3rd are non-refundable.
- This course will be canceled if less than THREE students are registered by Friday, June 3rd. Refunds will be given to every registered student if the course is canceled.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students must be present for all in-class days. Schedule conflicts must be addressed before Friday, June 3rd – LCA reserves the right to accept or deny admission into the Government Summer course based on the degree of personal schedule conflicts. Any conflicts communicated after Friday, May 27th will not be accommodated. One excused absence from in-class days is permitted for illness, etc. – subsequent absences could potentially result in denial of course credit. Refunds will not be given in the case of excessive absences.

**Calendar of Class Dates:**

June 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29 <i>Sabbath</i>	May 30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	May 31	1 <b>Classroom page opened</b>	2	3	4 <b>Refunds no longer available</b>
5 <i>Sabbath</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Sabbath</i>	13 <i>Flag Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Sabbath</i> <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Juneteenth</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Sabbath</i>	27	28	29	30	July 1	<i>July 2</i>
July 3	July 4 <i>Independence Day</i>	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9

	= in-class time
	= out-of-class preparation & work time
	= Final Project Due Date



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**Syllabus**

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**Summer Course Summary:**

The Summer course of Government will be fast-paced and accelerated in order to fit a quarter's worth of class into four weeks of in- and out-of-class time. Students will cover the same material and will carry out the similar activities and projects as the regular course, but in less overall time than during the regular school year. Each in-class period will last two hours. There is an expectation that students will work an average of two-four hours per day outside of class. Before the course begins, students will be enrolled in the Summer Government course Classroom page so that they may work ahead, if they so choose.

Government - sometimes called "Civics" - is the examination of the particular political structure of the United States, primarily of the Federal level of government, but also of State and Local levels. However, more importantly, we examine these things through the lens of being a *citizen*, in the hopes of becoming a better informed, more responsible citizen. The United States is quite unique in how our system of government empowers and enfranchises each citizen. As American citizens, we have a great responsibility to understand the nature and function of the American Government system, and as Christians we have an even greater responsibility to be Salt and Light in that system once we better understand it. In this course, students will examine and discuss the Government of the United States through the lens of a biblical Christian worldview.

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**Daily Requirements:**

Each student is required to:

- Regularly check the course Classroom site for assignments, instructions, handouts, due dates, etc.
- Fully and diligently participate during discussions and activities
- Complete all assignments according to guidelines, and turn them in on time

**Late Policy:**

All assignments and projects are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Because of the condensed nature of this course, ***late assignments of any kind will not be given full credit.*** Those students with late assignments will take valuable class time – away from their classmates – to make up those assignments. Once these last assignments are completed, the student ***will receive – at most – half credit.*** Any further questions and/or issues can be addressed in class.

## Grading Percentages:

Homework & Activities	10%
Primary Readings	20%
Unit Tests	35%
Inquiry Research Project	35%

### Homework & Activities: (20%)

Homework will typically be comprised of either taking notes on videos that discuss particular political topics or annotating essays that discuss political ideas. These assignments will both reinforce and extend beyond core political concepts discussed in class lectures.

### Primary Readings: (20%)

Whatever subject you study, it is important to read primary sources and not just textbooks or online summaries. It is important for Americans to read and understand the founding documents of our nations, as well as other important works that explain, support, and defend those documents. Throughout our time together, we will read the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and other selected works - all with the aim of better appreciating our nation and our government system. There will also be readings that deal with State and Local government as well. All assigned documents will be available on Classroom in PDF form. Students will read assigned documents, complete assessment forms, and discuss those works in class.

### Unit Tests: (35%)

There will be a test at the end of each unit – these will evaluate how well you understand the concepts covered in class and how able you are at applying those concepts to particular situations. The pace of this course means that tests will be taken online, outside of in-class days. Everything on the test will come from class work. Study guides will be available on Classroom.

### Inquiry Research Project: (25%)

Either individually or with a partner (or in a group of 2-3, if there is a large number of students in the Summer course), you will choose a research topic from a list of widely varying political and governmental topics / questions. You will carry out *extensive* research in order to fully and thoroughly address your topic or answer your question. Almost all choices will require you to go beyond mere factual, concrete answers – you may need to “step out on a limb” and offer evidence-supported judgments or recommendations.

Because there is precious little in-class time during our Summer course, students will create a multi-media presentation of their project that will be turned in to Mr. McGowan rather than presenting before the class. Students may choose whatever medium they desire, but the final product of this presentation **must be a shareable file or webpage**. More detailed instructions will be found on our Classroom page.