

Welcome to Civics: Internship in Responsible Citizenship

Sobrato High School



Civics is a semester course for seniors, required by the State of California for high school graduation. If you are to graduate in June with your class, it is imperative that you pass this class. That means that you need to be responsible about your attendance, your class participation, your homework, and your “outside points.” This course also meets UC/CSU admission requirements.

The Civics teachers at Sobrato (Ms. Wilson & Ms. Wallace & Ms. Kimura) are working together to provide you with a variety of experiences that we hope will be both engaging and academically strong. Our goals are to increase your understanding of government and politics in our society, to explore some of the issues facing Americans today, to provide opportunities for your active participation as you prepare to assume the responsibilities of adult citizenship, and to strengthen your knowledge and skills for college.

We hope that you enjoy the course. We are here to help you succeed.


UNITS OF STUDY IN CIVICS

1. Principles and Foundations of American Government
2. The Constitution and its Amendments
3. The Federal Government in Action
4. State and Local Governments
5. Politics / Media / Elections
6. Global Politics, Governments, & Institutions

Your grade will be based on:

work (classwork + homework)	35%
projects	10%
tests & quizzes	45%
final exam	10%

The course will include a research project and presentation. We will focus on current events throughout the course. Every day you will be expected to participate responsibly and respectfully in class. In addition, you **must** keep up with your “outside points” (see separate handout) in order to pass the class and graduate.

 *Democracy is not a spectator sport.* 