

**U.S./AZ Government and Economics
2009-10 First Semester Plan
NHS - Thomson**

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Course theme: The role of governmental and economic principles in lives of individuals.
Course Essential Question: "How is individual liberty best preserved?"

Dates are subject to change

First Semester

This course outline will guide the first semester, so we'll have to move fast. Each unit will include group work, a project or paper and on-line exams; as well as traditional in-class and homework.

- I. **Class organization/Current Issues (10 days)**
Course Guide/Outline, and Policies
 - a. The Habits of Mind
 - b. Seven Habits of Highly Effective People
 - c. Senior Project Introduction
 - d. AZ Issues
- II. **Principles of U.S. and AZ Constitutions (5 days)**
Week one September
- III. **Rights /Liberty (10 days)**
Week 2 September
 - a. Supreme Court Simulation
 - b. Bill of Rights group videos
 - c. Privacy position paper
- IV. **Senior Exhibition Intro - Mid-September**
 - a. Project Proposal
 - b. Conferences
- V. **AZ Governmental Process in a Flash - October**
 - a. Based on the Issues
 - b. All three branches covered
- VI. **Legislative Branch – October**
 - a. Legislative simulation
- VII. **Executive Branch- October**
 - a. Executive branch portfolio
- VIII. **Judicial Branch – November**
 - a. Supreme Court Simulation
- IX. **Political Ideology (5 days) - November**

- a. Debates political ideology POV
- b. Political parties
- X. The Border - December**
- XI. Final Exam**

Second Semester

- XII. Freakenomics (5 days) October**
- XIII. Economics Basics (15 days)**
 - a. Economic Way of Thinking
 - b. ECON TEXT CHAPTER 1-5
- XIV. Micro Economics (15 days)**
- XV. Senior Project Portfolio Construction (5 days)**
- XVI. Macro Economics (15 days)**
- XVII. Global Economics (15 days)**
- XVIII. Personal Finance (15 days)**