

# Online Virginia and US Government Course

## WHRO Education. A better solution for your online courses.

### Online Course List:

Algebra I  
Algebra II and Trigonometry  
Astronomy  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Earth Science  
English 9  
English 10  
English 11  
English 12  
Economics and Personal Finance  
Geometry  
Health/PE 9  
Health/PE 10  
Math Analysis  
Oceanography  
Online Teaching Methodology  
(*professional development*)  
Physics  
Virginia & U.S. History  
**Virginia & U.S. Government**  
World Geography  
World History I  
World History II



In this course, students study the structure and organization of American government as they learn the historical development of democratic principles. Students will explore the ways in which our government is designed to ensure the protection of these principles and how the government has adapted by either changing its structure and organization or by shifting policy. The United States' role in international affairs is also presented and provides a survey of comparative economic and political systems. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand how historical ideas of democracy hold a valid place in contemporary American society
- Evaluate the performance of government officials at all levels of government
- Evaluate the effectiveness of government policies issued at all levels of government
- Make educated voting decisions
- Understand the limitations of the media in relating information to the public
- Express an opinion on significant issues based upon logical and factual information
- Understand that the American government is a complex system and not perfect

### A Better Model

Why “rent” course seats year after year from for-profit online course providers when you can own your own online courses? Developed by WHRO Education, a well-respected, not-for-profit, Virginia-based, educational media organization, our courses are:

- ✓ Created by Virginia educators for Virginia educators
- ✓ Fully aligned to Virginia’s Standards of Learning
- ✓ Textbook independent
- ✓ Teacher-led
- ✓ Modular

Once licensed, the course is yours to keep and you are free to customize, modify, re-arrange, and add content from local sources or from digital content repositories like eMediaVA<sup>sm</sup>. You can even use the course as an e-textbook.

### A Better Process

All WHRO Education Online Courses are developed using a sophisticated process involving:

- ✓ Project Managers
- ✓ Instructional Designers
- ✓ Content Experts
- ✓ Content Reviewers
- ✓ Graphic Artists
- ✓ Professional Audio, Video, Mobile Device, and other Rich Media Producers
- ✓ Assessment Specialists

## Understanding Government



## Better Flexibility, Service and Support

The courses can be loaded into your existing learning management system (i.e. Blackboard™, Desire2Learn®, Moodle™, and others) and can easily be used in a variety of ways:

- ✓ As a stand-alone, fully online offering
- ✓ To support face-to-face instruction in a “blended” environment
- ✓ As a “flipped” class

And to make your life even easier, we have a convenient Annual Support and Maintenance program that’s budget friendly and provides regular course revisions and access to support personnel.

## A Better Product

WHRO Education Online Course elements include:

- ✓ Rich media infused, purpose-built content
- ✓ Hundreds of digital learning objects
- ✓ Self-checks, interactive reviews, projects, and discussion boards
- ✓ A complete range of instructional and assessment modules

## The Role of the Media



*“We have always developed our own course content, but recently decided to preview the courses from WHRO. We were immediately impressed by the quality instructional design, the content alignment to Virginia standards, and the instructor resources. We have now started using the courses and know that we could not have developed a comparable product in house for the same cost.”*

- Gina Jones  
Coordinator  
Prince William County  
Virtual High School

*“The online courses created in collaboration with WHRO and HRETA represent exemplary instructional design that provides the interactivity students need in order to be successful.”*

- James T. Roberts, Ph.D.  
Superintendent  
Chesapeake Public Schools

## Who is WHRO?

In 1961, the Norfolk and Hampton school board chairs started *Home Room One* to explore the use of broadcast television in public education. Today, WHRO is owned by 19 public school divisions in eastern Virginia and has pioneered a variety of educational technology programs and services over the last 50+ years. Current services include eMediaVA<sup>sm</sup>, Virtual Virginia operations, online course and digital content production, and Virginia’s PBS TeacherLine™. WHRO is also the local PBS™ and NPR™ affiliate and operates numerous other educational and cultural radio and television channels.

**To learn more about our online courses and arrange a preview, email us at [education.solutions@whro.org](mailto:education.solutions@whro.org) or call us at 757.889.9447**



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