

Course Description: **Government and Economics** Grades 9-12 2026-2027

1st Semester: *Exploring Government* is a high school course that covers the government of the US from its beginning to the present with specific emphasis on the Biblical pattern for government and the US Constitution. Students will learn about federal, state, and local government and become better equipped to understand our country's government as they learn about contemporary issues facing our nation today.

2nd Semester: *Exploring Economics* gives teens the education to understand what's going on in the world around them by emphasizing faith in God and trusting His Word. Students will learn how being knowledgeable about economics will help them to be an informed contributor to the economy on many levels. Students will also study the importance of the free market system as they learn clear explanations of key terms and concepts.

Texts needed:

- Notgrass Exploring Government Curriculum Kit - 2016 Updated Edition (this includes the Student Text and *We Hold These Truths*)
- Exploring Government Student Review Pack

- Notgrass Exploring Economics Curriculum Kit - 2016 Edition (this includes Student Text and *Making Choices*)
- Exploring Economics Student Review Pack

Cost of class does not include supplies or texts.

Teacher: Mrs. Teresa Kern

Cost: \$405/year 60 min. class

Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 am, at Chesterfield Presbyterian Church

9Up Student orientation: Aug. 13, 2026

Fall semester:* Aug. 20, 2026 to Nov. 19, 2026

Winter semester:* Jan. 7, 2027 to April 15, 2027

This class will be cancelled if it does not reach a minimum of 5 students.

Mrs. Teresa Kern is a certified teacher with a BS in Education. She has taught in Catholic, public, and Christian schools, as well as homeschooling her own sons for many years. She has also taught Science and Communication at the elementary levels at HSN and has tutored students at many grade levels. Teaching high schoolers is one of her most favorite things to do!