

Social Studies

Requirements:

- U.S. History I & II
- World History I & II
- Economics
- Government

Courses Offered	9	10	11	12
U.S. History I & II	•			
World History I & II		•		
Government			•	•
Economics			•	•
General Psychology		•	•	•
Global Issues			•	•
AP American History		•	•	•
AP Psychology			•	•
AP Government			•	•

AP American History

Grades 10, 11, 12

3 Trimesters | 1.5 credits

10th grade with teacher approval only

Prerequisite: “A” or “B” average in American History I & II and strong writing skills.

This program is a year-long college level American History course designed to give the student with exceptional abilities the opportunity to earn college credits. Upon completion of the course, the student will write the AP test in American History. Students will study American History from colonization to present day. In addition to a comprehensive textbook, students will use both primary and secondary source materials to write various types of essays within an historical context. A.P. classes will not be dropped after August 15.

AP Government

Grades 11, 12

2 Trimesters | 1 credit

Prerequisite: A "B" average in World History II or Instructor Approval is required.

Note: AP Government can take the place of the one semester government course

AP United States Government and Politics introduces students to key political ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the political culture of the United States. The course examines politically significant concepts and themes, through which students learn to apply disciplinary reasoning, assess causes and consequences of political events, and interpret data to develop evidence-based arguments. A.P. classes will not be dropped after August 15.

AP Psychology

Grades 11, 12

3 Trimesters | 1.5 credits

Prerequisite: An “A” average in General Psychology or instructor approval is required.

The Advanced Placement Psychology course is structured and taught as a first-year college psychology course. It covers research methods, biological psychology, neuroscience, sensation, perception, states of consciousness, learning, cognition, motivation, emotions, developmental psychology, personality, intelligence, abnormal psychology, treatment of psychological disorders, and social psychology. Students are expected to take the AP Psychology test in May; however, this is not a requirement. Those students electing to not take the Advanced Placement exam will take a final exam. A.P. classes will not be dropped after August 15.

Economics

Grades 11, 12

1 Trimester | ½ credit

REQUIRED COURSE

This course offers the student a practical approach to the subject of economics. The course deals with such topics as credit, taxes, insurance, housing, money management, and other survival techniques, while looking at the realities of our economic system.

Psychology

Grades 10, 11, 12

2 Trimesters | 1 credit

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. In taking this class, students will better understand themselves and others. Topics of study include: Historical figures of the subject; psychological perspectives and fields of study; genetic and environmental influences on psychology; the nervous system; sensory perception; effects and management of stress; states of consciousness; mood disorders; abnormal psychology; and forms of therapy.

Global Issues

Grades 11, 12

1 Trimester | 1/2 credit

This course will help students develop an understanding of the events they see each day in the news media. This course will show the relationships of nations to the world situation and the need for all nations to have a sense of security and a place in the global community. From a cause-and-effect perspective, we will forecast where we are headed as part of a global community. You will study how these events affect your future.

Government

Grades 11, 12

1 Trimester | 1/2 credit

REQUIRED COURSE

American Government is a systematic study of national, state, and local governments. There is special emphasis on decision-making through the President, Congress, and the Judicial Branch. The class will cover the origins of Government, the constitutional history of the U.S. elections process, the legislative process, and key Supreme Court cases from John Marshall to Civil Rights.

U.S History I

Grade 9

1 Trimester | 1/2 credit

REQUIRED COURSE

The course reviews the Civil War and will cover the period from Reconstruction to 1920 in a chronological, traditional approach. The geography component will be looked at through places, regions, physical systems, human systems, environment, and society, in relation to the past and present.

U.S. History II

Grade 9

1 Trimester | 1/2 credit

REQUIRED COURSE

This course completes the period 1930 to present day in a chronological approach and through great and famous Americans. The geography component will be looked at through places, regions, physical systems, human systems, environment, and society, in relation to the past and present.

World History I

Grade 10

1 Trimester | 1/2 credit

REQUIRED COURSE

This course of study will include significant events in Western Civilization. This course will follow a “cause and effect” sequence of early man through the rise and fall of civilizations and empires. We will cover the river valley civilizations, the Greek and Roman Empires through the medieval era and crusades. The geography component will be looked at through places, regions, physical systems, human systems, environment, and society, in relation to the past and present.

World History II

Grade 10

1 Trimester 1/2 credit

REQUIRED COURSE

World History II begins in Renaissance Europe with the Reformation, and covers the French Revolution, the development of nations, the decline of empires, and the growth of democracies into the twentieth century. Cultural as well as historical events will be discussed bringing the world up to date with the present century's wars, economic and political changes, and the super-power rivalries of today. The geography component will be looked at through places, regions, physical systems, human systems, environment, and society, in relation to the past and present.