

Social Studies

Requirements:

- U.S. History I & II
- World History I & II
- Economics/Personal Finance*
- Government

*starting with class of 2028

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

AP US History

Grades 10, 11, 12

3 Trimesters | 1 History .5 English credit

10th Grade with Teacher approval only

Prerequisite: 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. **AP classes will not be dropped after August 1st.**

AP Government

Grades 11, 12

2 Trimesters | 1 credit

Prerequisite: A "B" average in AP US History or US History

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. **AP classes will not be dropped after August 1st.**

AP Psychology

Grades 11, 12

3 Trimesters | 1.5 credits

Prerequisite: 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. **AP classes will not be dropped after August 1st.**

Economics/Personal Finance Required Course

Grades 11, 12

1 Trimester | 1 credit

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.

Global Issues

Grades 11, 12

1 Trimester | .5 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 Required Course (Or AP Government)

Grades 11, 12

1 Trimester | .5 credit

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.

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.

U.S History I Required Course or AP History

1 Trimester | .5 credit

This course will review America's expansion westward efforts and cover the turn of the 20th century through World War II. Students will be able to conceptualize important events, places and time periods of American History through the lenses of geography, social sciences and the past in relation to the present.

U.S. History II Required Course or AP History

1 Trimester | .5 credit

This course completes the chronological order of American History starting with post World War II America and moving through the fall of Communism. Students will be able to conceptualize important events, places and time periods of American History through the lenses of geography, social sciences and the past in relation to the present.

World History I Required Course

Grade 9, 10

1 Trimester | .5 credit

This course will follow a "cause and effect" sequence starting in the European Renaissance/Reformation and following through the Age of Imperialism. We will cover the Renaissance, a variety of Revolutions, the spread of Democracy, and the beginnings of major European Empires who will imperialize much of the world through the conflict of World War II. The Geography component will be looked at through analyzing maps, charts, and geographic features which have an impact throughout history to present day society.

World History II Required Course

Grade 9, 10

1 Trimester | .5 credit

This course begins with World War II and the Russian Revolution. The course continues to look at Nationalism of the 1930's, World War II, Communist Revolutions, The Cold War and the Post Cold War Era. Cultural as well as historical events will be discussed bringing topics to the forefront in the modern world as this century's wars, economic and political changes between the superpower are studied. The Geography component will be looked at through analyzing maps, charts and geographic features which have an impact throughout history up to present day society.