



# Social Studies Courses

Social Studies courses are organized by grade levels. Graduation requirements for each grade are listed below.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 9

Three trimester courses for students in grade 9 are required as follows:

**Government and Citizenship A, B, C**

**or**

**Honors Government and Citizenship A, B, C**

Government and Citizenship A, B, and C or Honors Government and Citizenship A, B, and C.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 10

Three trimester courses for students in grade 10 are required as follows:

**United States History A, B, C**

**or**

**Advanced Placement United States History**

## COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 11

**World History A, B, C**

**or**

**Advanced Placement European History A, B, and C**

**or**

**Advanced Placement World History A, B, and C**

## COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 12

**Principles of Economics and two additional world studies or social science courses**

**or**

**Advanced Placement Macro & Micro Economics A, B, C**

## ELECTIVE COURSES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 11 AND 12

### WORLD STUDIES

- Religion in Human Culture (11, 12)
- Humanities: Human Culture Through Sports (11, 12)
- Humanities: Human Culture Through Music (11, 12)
- A.P. European History ABC (11, 12)
- A.P. World History ABC (11, 12)

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

- World Politics (12)
- Principles of Economics (12)
- Sociology (12)
- Psychology A (12)
- Psychology B (12)
- Psychology C (12)
- AP Macro & Micro Economics ABC (12)
- Advanced Placement Government & Politics (AB)
- AP Psychology ABC (12)
- Developmental Psychology ABC (12)

# SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

## COURSES OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 9, 10, 11, AND 12

- ☘ 1001 **Government and Citizenship A** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- 1002 **Government and Citizenship B** Prerequisite: None
- 1003 **Government and Citizenship C**

The main purpose of this survey course is to help students acquire knowledge and the skills needed to carry out their responsibilities and protect their rights as citizens of a free society. Emphasis will be placed on basic knowledge of governmental institutions, decision making in national and state government and how citizens influence government.

- ☘ 1004 **Honors Government and Citizenship A** Grade 9
- 1005 **Honors Government and Citizenship B** Prerequisite: Teacher Guidance Recommended
- 1006 **Honors Government and Citizenship C**

This is the accelerated version of the Government and Citizenship curriculum. This course will use an advanced placement text that is significantly more challenging than the regular Government text.

## COURSES OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 10, 11, AND 12

### UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES

- ☘ 1026 **United States History A** Grades 10, 11, 12
- 1027 **United States History B** Prerequisite: None
- 1028 **United States History C**

This required series of United States History courses examines our country's history from 1600 to the present. Writing will be a requirement for all students. **To fulfill graduation requirements, each student must take the United States History A, B, and C year-long course sequence.**

- ☘ 1021 **Advanced Placement United States History A** Grade 10
- AP** 1022 **Advanced Placement United States History B** Prerequisite: Teacher Guidance Recommended
- 1023 **Advanced Placement United States History C**

Advanced Placement United States History offers a rigorous, hands-on approach to the study of United States history. This year-long AP course will prepare students to take the Advanced Placement American History exam in May, while developing skills in critical reading, writing and thinking. Students will explore the historical perspectives of American culture from colonization to the present, through a variety of reading, writing, speaking and creative experiences. Students should possess a strong interest in history and be willing to be academically challenged and take the AP United States history exam in the spring. **NOTE: This is a year-long course. Students should register for all three courses A, B, and C. Continuation in this course is contingent upon receiving a passing grade the previous trimester.**

## COURSES OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 11 AND 12

### WORLD STUDIES COURSES

- ☘ 1051 **World History A** Grades 11, 12
- 1052 **World History B** Prerequisite: None
- 1053 **World History C**

This required series of World History courses covers a historical chronological overview of the history of the world from ancient to modern times. To fulfill graduation requirements, each student must take World History ABC in a year long sequence.


- ☘ 1055 **Religion in Human Culture** Grades 11, 12
- Prerequisite: None

This course examines in an objective manner various functions of religion, religious stereotypes, symbols, religious diversity, and the role of religion in current issues. The primary objective is not to advocate nor convert students to religion, but rather to increase their awareness, knowledge, and respect for other religious traditions.

- ☘ 1057 **Humanities: Human Culture Through Sports** Grades 11, 12
- Prerequisite: None

Do you have a passion for sports? Do you like to debate who the greatest athlete is? If so this is the class for you! This is an elective class that will examine the development of sports throughout time. The course's historical study will focus on helping students gain a better understanding of the intricate relationship between sports and social, economic, cultural and political forces. There is a very large online component to this course. This allows our students the freedom to learn at their own pace and choose the curriculum that fits their passions and strengths! Over 12 weeks we will unlock the mystery "hold" sport has on the American public through analysis and discussions. Put your helmet on, it's game time!

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 1058 Humanities: Human Culture Through Music



Grades 11, 12  
Prerequisite: None

If you like music this is the class for you! Offered during the spring trimester this online based course will take you through the history of modern music and allow you to pick the topics as you go. Much of the focus is on the context of the political, historical, demographic, cultural and technological forces at work in the modern and post-modern world. The course will further look at how cultural changes have influenced contemporary music. Wondering just how big of an impact Jay-Z has had on music? Curious why Taylor Swift has such a great business model? You will learn all these answers and more.

 1059 Advanced Placement European History A  
 1060 Advanced Placement European History B  
1061 Advanced Placement European History C

Grades 11, 12  
Prerequisite: Teacher Guidance Recommended

Advanced Placement European History offers a hands-on approach to the study of the European world from the Middle Ages to modern day. Students will come away from this course with improved writing skills and the ability to critically analyze historical content and modern events. This skill development will position students for success on the national AP exam and prepare them for the rigors of post-secondary education and work experiences. Students can look forward to creative in class activities, debates, and simulations. This course fulfills the 11th grade history requirement.

 1062 Advanced Placement World History A  
 1063 Advanced Placement World History B  
1064 Advanced Placement World History C

Grades 11, 12  
Prerequisite: Teacher Guidance Recommended

This course offers a global view of history that covers: the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. AP World History will fulfill the 11th grade history requirement and will help students prepare for the Advanced Placement exam which may lead to college-level credit. Knowing about your World is vital in understanding the people of the past and present. AP World History offers an approach that lets students "do history" by guiding them through the steps a historian would take in analyzing historical events and evidence. This will be accomplished through course work, field trips, artifact examination, and in class activities.

### COURSES OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 12 - SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES

 1076 World Politics

Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

The class requires you to examine and compare the major issues, conflicts, and challenges facing today's global political environment. The course will focus on the following main topics: (1) causes and consequences of globalization, (2) various theories of world politics, (3) cooperation and conflict in global institutions, (4) development of foreign aid and trade, (5) the politics of human rights and the environment, (6) the politics of arms races, (7) the politics of our world economy. All of these topics will be discussed and examined through the lens of each individual's political views, experiences and behaviors.

 1077ZR Principles of Economics- Zero Hour\*

Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None



(\*Offered 0 hour 6:30 - 7:20 a.m., Winter Trimester only)

Principles of Economics serves as an introduction to micro and macro economic concepts. The course provides students with the skills to think in an economic way. Everyday choices are examined through the topics of scarcity, marginal cost and benefit, value and opportunity costs. The focus after the midterm exam turns to the study of national income determination within a global economy. Topics include: business cycles, inflation, unemployment, money supply, balance of payments, currency markets, and the role of fiscal and monetary policies.

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 1079 Sociology

Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

Sociology is the study of human social relationships, analyzing how membership in groups influences people and how they see the world. The course will introduce topics such as cultural diversity and conformity, adolescents and social media, social control and deviance, racial and ethnic relations, the family, education and religion, sports and mass media, and collective behavior and social change. Unique to the course, students, through the use of technology, will have the freedom to choose specific topics of interest to them for study. Individualized assignments, projects, and assessments will be implemented.

## SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

### 1080 Psychology A

Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

This course will focus on various aspects of human development, beginning with infancy and childhood, progressing through the adolescent years, and moving through adulthood and aging. Special attention will be given to the psychological processes of typical human development as we all move through these stages. The course will also include content that analyzes altered states of consciousness, including sleep and dreams, hypnosis, and drug use. Altered states of consciousness will be addressed from both a biological and psychological perspective.

### 1081 Psychology B

Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

Cognitive psychology is the scientific study of mind and mental function. The modern study of cognition rests on the premise that the brain can be understood as a complex computing system. Specific topics of study will be sensation and perception, learning, memory and thought, thinking and language, and motivation and emotion. As a point of emphasis, these topics will be related to our ability to understand why we make the decisions we do in our daily lives.

### 1082 Psychology C

Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

Abnormal psychology is a division of psychology that studies people who are abnormal, or atypical when compared to other members of a society. The course will begin with analysis of the methods and guidelines used to diagnose a disorder. We will also study common theories of personality. Ultimately, the topic of study will turn to specific psychological disorders, ranging from those that are relatively common, such as anxiety disorders, to those that are quite rare, such as paranoid schizophrenia, or certain phobias. Additional focus will be on the wide range of treatment options available to patients today.

### 1083 Advanced Placement Government and Politics A

Grade 12

### 1084 Advanced Placement Government and Politics B

Prerequisite: None

This two trimester Advanced Placement course in government includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. government and politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs and ideas that constitute U.S. government and politics.

### 1085 Developmental Psychology A

Grade 12

### 1086 Developmental Psychology B

Prerequisite: Application Process

### 1087 Developmental Psychology C

This unique class will involve a very high level of commitment and responsibility, and will offer a wide variety of benefits. It is offered in a two period format and is worth two credits. The course will concentrate on the following areas. (1) This class will teach the district's drug education curriculum to small groups of 6th grade students for the entire year. Students will plan lessons, teach and evaluate themselves, their students and each other. This teacher mentorship provides keen insight into the workings and dynamics of education. (2) The process of group growth will be explored. Working within the group process so as to create an atmosphere of trust and commitment, students will grow in knowledge about themselves and others. **NOTE: This is a year-long course. Students should register for all three courses.** Senior students enrolled in Developmental Psychology must also enroll in Principles of Economics to fulfill the 12th grade Social Studies requirement.

### 1088 Advanced Placement Psychology A

Grade 12

### 1089 Advanced Placement Psychology B

Prerequisite: None

### 1090 Advanced Placement Psychology C

The purpose of the full year Advanced Placement course in psychology is to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice. (Taken from the Advanced Placement Course Description in Psychology by the College Board.)

### 1093 Advanced Placement Micro Economics A

Grade 12

### 1094 Advanced Placement Macro Economics B

Prerequisite: None

### 1095 Advanced Placement Macro & Micro Economics C

This full year Advanced Placement course in economics gives high-ability students the opportunity to earn college credit in economics while still in high school. More importantly, the contents develop critical thinking skills through the understanding, application and analysis of fundamental economic concepts. Students will learn to apply quantitative and mathematical skills to the discipline of economics, test economic propositions empirically, improve their decision-making skills and apply economic logic to a wide variety of real world and hypothetical situations. All students will be expected to take the AP Examinations in both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. The course will be divided into three parts split along trimester lines: the first devoted to the study of Microeconomics; the second trimester to Macroeconomics; and the third to the application of formulas, theories and concepts to real world situations with an emphasis on current domestic and international economic issues.

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## SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

 1805 ACT Prep

Grades 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Whether you have taken the ACT test before or you are new to the experience, this course will prepare you to do your personal best. The trimester long elective course will navigate students through the ACT testing process and will focus on understanding the format of the test, building strategies for answering more questions correctly and pacing yourself during a timed test. Students build confidence and skills that will boost their scores on the actual test. Students will have access to hundreds of practice questions and an online program that helps them continue preparing even after the course is completed. One assignment for the course will be to take a mock test under actual testing conditions outside the normal school day. Students are encouraged to purchase an ACT Prep workbook to enhance their learning in the class. **Note: The course is a general elective credit and does not qualify as one of the [English, Math, Science, Social Studies] credits required for graduation. Note: This course is not an NCAA core academic class.**