

SOCIAL STUDIES

COURSE	CREDIT	OPEN TO	PREREQUISITE
World Studies*	1.0	9	Department recommendation
United States History	1.0	10-12	World Studies
AP United States History	1.0	10-12	World Studies
United States Government & Politics	0.5	11-12	U.S. History or AP U.S. History
AP United States Government & Politics	0.5	11-12	U.S. History or AP U.S. History
AP United States and Comparative Government & Politics	1.0	11-12	U.S. History or AP U.S. History
Economics	0.5	10-12	None
AP Micro & Macro Economics	1.0	11-12	10 th grade with department approval
ELECTIVES			
Current World Issues	0.5	9-12	None
Civil Law	0.5	9-12	None
Criminal Law	0.5	10-12	None
AP European History	1.0	10-12	World Studies
AP Human Geography	1.0	9-12	Incoming 9 th graders should have strong reading and writing skills
Psychology	0.5	11-12	None
AP Psychology	1.0	11-12	None
Sociology	0.5	11-12	None

* This course has an earned honors option for all students. The instructor will review these requirements at the start of the course.

<p>WORLD STUDIES</p> <p>Prerequisite: Department recommendation Open to: Grade 9 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>This course has an earned honors option for all students. The instructor will review these requirements at the start of the course.</p> <p>Course Number: SS1100, SS1200, SS1030, SS1500</p>	<p>World Studies is designed to help students develop an understanding of past events in order to comprehend present issues. Students will explore other cultures in order to understand their role in an interconnected global community. Students will also analyze the motivations and consequences of human behavior. This course will help students develop their reading, writing, research, and analysis skills.</p>
<p>UNITED STATES HISTORY</p> <p>Prerequisite: World Studies or AP World History Open to: Grades 10-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>Course Number: SS2100, SS2030, SS2200, SS2500</p>	<p>United States. History offers students an opportunity to deepen their understanding of our nation's past while developing important skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom. Students will analyze important historical events, ideas, and individuals through a thematic lens to make connections and see trends and patterns throughout our history. This course will help students develop their reading, writing, research, and analysis skills.</p>
<p>AP UNITED STATES HISTORY</p> <p>Prerequisite: World Studies or AP World History Open to: Grades 10-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>Course Number: SS5100</p>	<p>AP United States History is designed to provide students with the skills and factual knowledge necessary to critically analyze the events, trends, and issues in United States history. Students will analyze primary and secondary sources and emphasis will be placed on historical writing through free response and document-based question essays.</p> <p><i>*It is highly recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board.</i></p>
<p>UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT & POLITICS</p> <p>Prerequisite: U.S. History or AP U.S. History Open to: Grades 11-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5</p> <p>Course Number: SS3100, ss3200, SS3300, SS3500</p>	<p>American Government and Politics provides an introduction to the American political system. The major goal is to provide students with the factual knowledge and analytical skills necessary to be an educated and participatory member of our democratic system. Students will examine how local, state and national governments provide for the common defense and maintain social order while still securing liberty and ensuring justice. Students will also analyze the roles and influences of individuals, groups, and the media in shaping public policy at the state and national level. This course will also help students develop their reading, writing, research, and analysis skills.</p> <p><i>Students must pass the Constitution test in order to pass this class.</i></p>

<p>AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT & POLITICS</p> <p>Prerequisite: U.S. History or AP U.S. History Open to: Grades 11-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5</p> <p>Course Number: SS5200</p>	<p>AP American Government and Politics explores how Congress, the Presidency, and the Supreme Court work to make public policy. Students will focus on political parties, campaigns and elections, the media and interest groups, as well as civil rights and civil liberties. This course is designed for students who have an interest in current events, as well as the study of the structure and function of our government. AP American Government and Politics prepares students to become more responsible citizens and more informed voters.</p> <p>Students must pass the Constitution test in order to pass this class.</p> <p><i>*It is highly recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board.</i></p>
<p>AP UNITED STATES AND COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS</p> <p>Prerequisite: U.S. History or AP U.S. History Open to: Grades 11-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>Course Number: SS</p>	<p>The first semester of this college level course will focus on United States Government and Politics and will give students an analytical perspective of the American political system. The second semester will focus on Comparative Government and Politics, and will give students a basic understanding of the world's diverse political structures. This course is designed for students who have an interest in current events, both in the United States and around the world. AP Government and Politics prepares students to become more responsible citizens and more informed voters, as well as more knowledgeable members of a global community. The Comparative Government course will focus primarily on Great Britain, Russia, Mexico, China, Iran and Nigeria.</p> <p><i>*It is highly recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board.</i></p>
<p>ECONOMICS</p> <p>Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 10-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5</p> <p>Course Number: SS3200, SS3150, SS3550</p>	<p>Economics focuses on topics such as personal budgets, credit, investment, economic systems, the business cycle, and inflation. Students will engage in discussions, simulations, and research on economic topics of interest. This course will also help students develop their reading, writing, research, and analysis skills. Students will meet the state requirement for Consumer Education by successfully completing this course.</p>
<p>AP MICRO AND MACRO ECONOMICS</p> <p>Prerequisite: Algebra 2 completed or concurrent Open to: Grades *11-12 *10th grade with departmental approval Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p>	<p>This course provides an accelerated study in the field of economics. Students acquire understandings equivalent to those gained in a college level introductory course. The course of study of will prepare students to take both the AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics Tests and also fulfills the consumer education requirement for graduation. The course will examine both broad economic theory and principles such as supply and demand, the</p>

<p>Course Number: SS5500</p>	<p>profit maximizing production level for firms, decisions regarding the use of labor and other resources, the role of government in economics, and allow for applied research into focused areas of student interest.</p> <p><i>*It is highly recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board..</i></p>
<p>CURRENT WORLD ISSUES</p> <p>Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5</p> <p>Course Number: SS6000</p>	<p>In Current World Issues, students examine the causes and possible solutions of major global problems. Topics of study include poverty, disease, genocide, human trafficking, and global climate change. Students will explore ways they can personally make a difference in these global problems</p>
<p>CIVIL LAW</p> <p>Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5</p> <p>Course Number: SS6300</p>	<p>Civil Law is designed for students who are interested in learning more about topics such as lawsuits, conflict resolution, family legal issues, and discrimination. Students will discuss current Supreme Court cases that focus on civil issues such as gender discrimination. Students will participate in mock trial, legal hearings, simulations, and interact with guest speakers. This course may be taken concurrently with other law courses.</p>
<p>CRIMINAL LAW</p> <p>Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 10-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5</p> <p>Course Number: SS6200</p>	<p>Criminal Law is designed for students who have an interest in the Criminal Justice System. Topics of study include hate crimes, criminal prosecution, and the rights of the accused, such as the right to privacy and freedom from cruel and unusual punishment. Students will examine U.S. Supreme Court cases that focus on the rights and limitations of students in schools. Students will role play attorneys and witnesses in mock criminal trials and interact with a variety of guest speakers. This course may be taken concurrently with other law courses.</p>
<p>AP EUROPEAN HISTORY</p> <p>Prerequisite: World Studies or AP World History Open to: Grades 10-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>Course Number: SS5400</p>	<p>AP European History involves the study of the development of western civilization from the late Middle Ages through the post-Cold War era. Social, political, and economic issues and trends are examined to help students develop their historical perspective. Students strengthen their reading, writing, historical interpretation, and analysis skills.</p> <p><i>*It is recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board.</i></p>

<p>AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>Prerequisite: Incoming 9th graders should have strong reading and writing skills Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>Course Number: SS5700</p>	<p>The AP Human Geography course is equivalent to an introductory college-level course in human geography. The course introduces students to the study of patterns and trends that have shaped human understanding. How have humans adapted and adjusted to their environments will be a question examined throughout the course. Student will analyze data regarding where and how people live to better understand the consequences on the environment. They also learn about methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. The curriculum reflects the goals of the National Geographic Standards (2012).</p> <p><i>*It is recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board.</i></p>
<p>PSYCHOLOGY</p> <p>Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 11-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5</p> <p>Course Number: SS6600</p>	<p>Psychology is an introductory course designed to provide an overview of human thinking and behavior. Topics of study include research methods in psychological study, the biological bases of behavior, personality, states of consciousness such as sleep and hypnosis, how the brain learns and creates memories, abnormal psychological disorders, psychological development, and how social interactions affect behavior.</p>
<p>AP PSYCHOLOGY</p> <p>Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 11-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>Course Number: SS5300</p>	<p>AP Psychology is the scientific study of everything we do and think about. Topics of study include brain anatomy and function, research techniques, development, motivation, consciousness, learning, thinking and memory, personality, abnormal thoughts and behaviors, psychiatric medicine, among others. It is an excellent preparation for future study in Psychology, neuroscience, or medicine.</p> <p><i>*It is recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board.</i></p>
<p>SOCIOLOGY</p> <p>Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 11-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0</p> <p>Course Number: SS6500</p>	<p>Sociology emphasizes the study of human interaction within groups and cultures. Students will explore how families, schools, and peer groups influence behavior. Focus will also be given to the factors that influence the development of one's personality. General topics of study include families, peer groups, adolescence, deviance, countercultures, and socialization.</p>