

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

Title:	World Geography	WLDGEOG / 331001CW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	9-10	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

A combination of physical and cultural geography, the course includes the study of maps, globes, landforms, resources, climate, industry, cultural patterns, and regional geography. The study is facilitated by using the five themes of geography: location, place, relationships within places, movement, and region.

Title:	World History	WHIST / 336001CW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	9-10	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

This course is a study of the major periods of history emphasizing the development of significant ideas and institutions in the world's great civilizations. People, events, places, and trends in history are highlighted. Ancient and medieval periods, cultural developments, the impact of religion, exploration, industrial development, the influence of nationalism, and global conflicts offer an opportunity for the student to develop an understanding of the interaction between civilizations, the impact of geography upon the course of history, and the contributions of diverse cultures.

Title:	World History Honors	WHISTH / 336003HW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	9-10	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

This honors-level course is a study of the major periods of history emphasizing the development of significant ideas and institutions in the world's great civilizations. People, events, places, and trends in history are highlighted. Ancient and medieval periods, cultural developments, the impact of religion, exploration, industrial development, the influence of nationalism, and global conflicts offer an opportunity for the student to develop an understanding of the interaction between civilizations, the impact of geography upon the course of history, and the contributions of diverse cultures. Students will read supplementary materials and analyze, synthesize, and evaluate new information. Critical thinking skills will be developed. It is recommended that students be enrolled in Honors English.

Title:	Advanced Placement European History	EURHISAP / 337605AW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	11-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

AP European History builds an understanding of the significant themes in modern European history and develops knowledge of Europe's role in world affairs. Beginning with the High Renaissance, the course emphasizes intellectual and social as well as political history. Special emphasis will be placed on the

writing and interpretations of historians. It is strongly recommended that students have Honors or AP English placement. Students are required to take the AP examination in May.

Title:	United States History	USHIS / 332001CW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	11	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

United States History is a survey course providing a study of our country since Reconstruction. Topics studied in depth include western migration and immigration from the end of Reconstruction through the first part of the 20th century, the Industrial Age and urbanization, America as a world power, progressivism, World War I, the Great Depression and new Deal, World War II, domestic issues and policies from World War II to the present, and international issues, policies, and involvement from the Cold War to the present. **U.S. History is required for graduation.**

Title:	United States History Honors	USHISH / 332003HW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	11	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

This honors-level course is a study of United States history since Reconstruction. Topics studied in depth include western migration and immigration from the end of Reconstruction through the first part of the 20th century, the Industrial Age and urbanization, America as a world power, progressivism, World War I, the Great Depression and new Deal, World War II, domestic issues and policies from World War II to the present, and international issues, policies, and involvement from the Cold War to the present. This course will entail a rigorous program of reading, research, and writing. It is strongly recommended that students have Honors English placement. **U.S. History is required for graduation.**

Title:	Advanced Placement United States History	USHISAP / 337205AW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	11	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

AP United States History is designed to provide students with analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the issues and materials in United States History. This course prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full year introductory courses. It is a survey course, with extensive chronological coverage of a broad variety of topics in such special fields as economic, cultural, intellectual, and social history, in addition to political, constitutional, and diplomatic history. It is strongly recommended that students have Honors or AP English placement. Students are required to take the AP United States History exam in May.

Title:	United States Government	USGOVA / 333000CH
Unit Credit	½	
Grade Levels	11-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

U.S. Government incorporates the structure, organization, and function of the American political system. Topics studied include: foundations of U.S. government, the three major branches of government, and the Constitution. Students will study the details of the political system at the national, state, and local levels. Comparisons will be made between American government and other political systems. **U.S. Government is required for graduation.**

Title:	United States Government Honors	USGOVHA / 333002HH
Unit Credit	$\frac{1}{2}$ (Recommended pairing with $\frac{1}{2}$ AP Govt or $\frac{1}{2}$ AP Comparative Govt)	
Grade Levels	11-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

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Title:	Economics	ECONA / 335000CH
Unit Credit	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Grade Levels	11-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

Economics is the study of the overall economy including both macroeconomics and microeconomics. Students will focus on topics such as money and banking, competition, supply and demand, factors of production, and consumer rights and responsibilities. **Economics is required for graduation.**

Title:	Economics Honors	ECONHA / 335002HH
Unit Credit	$\frac{1}{2}$ (Recommended pairing with AP Macroeconomics or AP Microeconomics)	
Grade Levels	11-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

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Title:	Law Education	LAWEDA / 333600CH
Unit Credit	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Grade Levels	9-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

This elective course involves a study of different types of laws, their development, and their role in a democratic society. Emphasis will be placed on citizen rights and responsibilities, law enforcement, the

judicial system, liberty, and justice. Topics include criminal law, juvenile justice, torts, consumer, family, and housing law, and individual rights and responsibilities. The course focuses on the interpretation of cases and law enforcement procedures.

Title:	Psychology	PSYB / 334001CW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	10-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

Psychology is an elective survey course dedicated to the holistic study of behavior. Topics include the biological bases of behavior, the learning process, sensation and perception, motivation and personality, defense mechanisms, testing, human growth and development, abnormal psychology, and leading theorists in the field.

Title:	Advanced Placement Psychology	APPSY / 437105AW
Unit Credit	1	
Grade Levels	11-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

This college-level course includes methods, approaches, and history of psychology; bases of behavior; sensation and perception; states of consciousness; learning; cognition; motivation and emotion; developmental psychology; personality; testing and individual differences; abnormal psychology; treatment of psychological disorders; and social psychology. Students are required to take the AP exam in May.

Title:	Sociology	SOCA / 334500CH
Unit Credit	½	
Grade Levels	10-12	
Prerequisite	Social Studies teacher recommendation	

Sociology is an elective course which studies the social, political, religious, economic, and educational institutions that affect human relationships. A study of the following will be included: techniques of sociologists, socialization, norms, roles, deviant behavior, groups, social stratification, and social change.