



High School Social Studies Core Curriculum

Geography or Geography (AP)

The study of geography encompasses people, plants, animals, cultures, resources, and industry around the world. The course focuses on people and their customs as geography will be covered: location, place, region, movement, and the human-environment interaction. The course will enable students to make connections between what was, what is, and what may be in relation to the physical Earth and the people that inhabit it. May be taken as an elective by Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors.

Grade: 9

Length: 2 Semesters

Prerequisite: None

World History or World History (AP)

Major events from the age of Enlightenment to the Modern age are emphasized in this class. Students analyze locations, regions and spatial connections recognizing the natural world and cultural process that impacts the way in which societies live and interact with each other and their environment. Within this chronology, this course will look at the history of culture, politics, diplomacy, society, education, economics, and more.

Grade: 10

Length: 2 Semesters

Prerequisite: None

United States History or United States History (AP)

In this course students study the history of the United States from the industrial revolution through the present. Students will focus on the political, economic, and social events and issues related to a variety of events from industrialization and urbanization to reform movements such as the Civil Rights movement. Students are expected to use critical thinking skills, analyze historical documents, and complete projects detailing important topics in U.S. History.

Grade: 11

Length: 2 Semesters

Prerequisite: None

United States Government and Economics

This course provides students with an understanding of the ideals, rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the content, sources and history of the founding documents of the United States with particular emphasis on the Constitution and how the government functions at the local, state, national and international levels. The structure, powers and roles of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches will also be analyzed. This course also examines the American economic system including micro-economic and macro-economic issues. Students participate in a semester long project investing in a virtual stock market.

Grade: 12

Length: 1 Semester

Prerequisite: None

United States Government and Politics (AP)

This course explores the political theory and everyday practice that direct the daily operation of our government and shape our public policies. The purpose of this course is to prepare students to take the AP exam for U.S. and Politics as well as gain a better understanding of how are government works at both the federal and local levels. This course is taught on a college level and requires a substantial commitment and effort both inside and outside of the classroom. Students will develop a critical understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the American political system, as well as their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Grade: 12**Length: 2 Semesters****Prerequisite: None**