

Department:

Social Studies

Graduation Requirements:

4 Credits

Course Offerings:

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Consumer Economics *1/2 credit*

Consumers play a central role in market economies. This course looks at that role by examining consumer purchasing decisions. Topics include owning vs. renting, borrowing, saving, investing, financing, credit cards, conspicuous consumption, advertising, and consumer law. While learning how to make informed purchasing decisions, students also gain an understanding of fundamental economic concepts.

Economics *1/2 elective credit*

This course is designed to develop an understanding of fundamental economic principles and of the American economic system. Emphasis is placed on comparative economic systems, economic institutions in the United States, and the international marketplace.

Street Law *1/2 elective credit*

This course is designed to develop in students the knowledge and skills necessary to live in our law-saturated society. It provides a practical understanding of the law and the legal system that will be of use to students in their everyday lives. The course covers an overview of the legal system, an overview of criminal law and the criminal justice system, and an overview of civil (tort) law.