

# **SOCIAL STUDIES**

(three credits required as well as .5 credit Economics)

Social Studies requirements include a year each of World History, U.S. History, and American Government beginning in the sophomore year and taken consecutively.

## **World History (Renaissance to Modern Times)**

World History is a two-semester survey course which emphasizes the time period from the Renaissance through contemporary times. Attention is focused on both Western and non-Western history and cultures.

This course is taken at the sophomore level.

## **Honors World History (Renaissance to Modern Times)**

Honors World History is a two-semester survey course beginning with the Renaissance and develops the themes, events, and personalities which have influenced the history of the world. Both Western and non-Western cultures will be studied. Primary sources and historical analysis are important components in the course. This course is taken during the sophomore year.

## **Advanced Placement World History (Renaissance to Modern Times)**

This is a yearlong course open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors to develop an understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts, in interaction with different types of human societies. The course highlights the nature of changes in international frameworks, their causes, and consequences as well as comparisons among major societies. The students will be required to take the AP exam in May.

## **U.S. History (Reconstruction to Modern Times)**

U.S. History is a two-semester course which surveys the historical, political, economic and social development of the United States from the Civil War to the present. Emphasis is on the development of America's heritage and its impact on contemporary American society. This course is taken during the junior year.

## **Honors U.S. History (Reconstruction to Modern Times)**

Honors U.S. History is a two-semester course emphasizing the historical themes, events, personalities, and traditions which have influenced the growth and development of the United States. Primary sources and historical analysis are important components of the course. This course is taken during the junior year.

## **Advanced Placement U.S. History (Discovery to Modern Times)**

AP U.S. History is a two-semester course available to students who desire to challenge themselves at the collegiate level. The course offers intensive and in-depth exploration of the themes, issues and events which have shaped American history. Political, economic, intellectual, diplomatic, cultural, and social perspectives will be considered. Extensive reading is expected, and students are responsible for independent work. This course is taken during the junior year. The students will be required to take the AP exam in May.

## American Government

U.S. Government is a two-semester course which emphasizes the study of the structure and process of American government—federal, state, and local. Attention is given to institutions inside and outside the government. Consideration is given to contemporary issues and concerns and their impact. Students take this course during the senior year.

## Honors American Government

Honors U.S. Government is a two-semester course emphasizing the study and process of American government. Emphasis is placed on the federal level of government. There is an extensive examination of the Constitution and federal system of government. A conceptual, integrated approach develops the role for governmental and nongovernmental institutions as they relate to policy; contemporary issues are studied.

## Advanced Placement American Government

AP U.S. Government is a two-semester survey course of the federal government. The course is equivalent to the work expected at the collegiate level. The development and application of the structures and processes of both governmental and nongovernmental institutions are considered in depth. Extensive reading and independent work are expected. This course is taken during the senior year. The students will be required to take the AP exam in May.

## Advanced Placement Psychology

The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental process of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields of within psychology. Students will also be involved with the study of the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. This year two-semester course is open to Juniors and Seniors with a desire to challenge themselves at the collegiate level. The students will be required to take the AP exam in May.

## Modern Legal Issues

Modern Legal Issues is a one-semester survey course of issues, skills and topics encountered by law school students and practicing attorneys. Actual case law and hypothetical situations will be read and discussed in the areas of Family Law, Criminal Law, Business Law, Environmental Law and Real Estate Law, for instance. The course will also explore bioethical, evidentiary and constitutional issues. Students will experience legal writing and become more familiar with the trial process as well.

## Kentucky Studies

Kentucky Studies is a one semester elective course integrating the historical, cultural, geographic, economic and political traditions of the state of Kentucky to develop an appreciation and understanding of Kentucky's heritage. Attention is devoted to current topics and contemporary issues in Kentucky. The class is available to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

## Economics

Economics is a one semester course required for graduation. This course will provide students with the tools to better understand the functioning of a complex economic system as well as the economy's relationship and importance to other areas of life. The focus will be on the U.S.'s economic system. Personal finance is also covered. Topics are drawn from macroeconomics, international economics and selected consumer economic issues. The class is available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

## Psychology

Psychology is a one semester elective course which explores human behavior and those factors which affect this behavior. The brain, learning and memory, personality, social psychology, psychological disorders and current issues are topics which are included in the course. The class is available to juniors and seniors.

## Sociology

Sociology is a one semester elective course concerning the relationship between individuals and society. The sociological perspective, culture, social stratification, social inequities, social institutions and contemporary issues are included in the course. The class is available to juniors and seniors. Not available until 2020-2021

## Geography

Geography is a one semester elective course. Physical geography and its relationship to economic, political, social, historical and cultural aspects of human activities are covered. Course content also includes map reading, map making, interpretation of charts and graphs and acquiring a technical vocabulary. This class is available to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Available 2019-2020.