

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies Course Sequences

Honors Sequence

9th Grade World History (2 sem)*

10th Grade World History (1 sem)*

Civics (1 sem)*

11th Grade Honors US History* (2 sem)

12th Grade US History and World (2 sem)

Standard/College Prep Sequence

9th Grade World Cultures (2 sem)*

10th Grade World Cultures (1 sem)*

Civics (1sem)*

11th Grade United States History (2 sem)*

12th Grade Electives (1 or 2 semesters)

600312/600313 (Gr. 9), 600322 (Gr. 10) World Cultures - College Prep

World Cultures emphasizes the understanding of cultures from both a historical and contemporary perspective. Cultures can be grouped socially, ethnically or racially, religiously or geographically. This course points out these differences within the context of the modern nation-state. While people have basic physical and psychological needs, world cultures explores how laws, customs, social codes and institutions influence behavior. Specific cultures studied may vary due to the interest of the teacher and students in a given semester. Units normally include China, India, Japan, Latin America (Central and South), Eastern Europe and the CIS, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East. If time permits, shorter units on other countries and cultures may be included.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9 and 10

Weight: 1.05

Credit: ½ (each semester)

Length: 3 semesters

600314/600315 (Gr. 9) 600323 (Gr. 10) - World Cultures – Standard

This course will focus on understanding various cultures, both past and present. Special attention will be given to the social, religious, ethnic, political-economic and geographical factors of each group and how these factors influence people's behavior and outlook today. Specific cultures studied may vary due to the interest of the teacher and students in a given semester. Units normally studied include Africa, China, Japan, Latin America (Central and South America), Middle East, Europe, etc. If time permits, shorter units on other countries and cultures may be included based on current world events.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9 and 10

Weight: 1.0

Credit: ½ (each semester)

Length: 3 semesters

600311 - World History- Honors

This course surveys the history and cultural development of the ancient world from Prehistory to the Rise and Fall of Rome. Additionally, the ancient civilizations of China and India are also explored to illustrate the development of great civilizations during the same time frame in history. The second semester focuses on the early medieval period of

Western Europe through the Renaissance and up to the French Revolution, as well as the development of non-western civilization such as the ancient African kingdoms, the Middle East and Asia. This course requires extensive reading and writing.

Prerequisite: None

Credit: 1

Grade: 9

Length: 1 year

Weight: 1.1

600321 - Modern European History - Honors

This historical survey studies the modern period in European history from the French Revolution through modern times. The course will follow a political, cultural, economic and social thread to understand the nature of modern day Europe. This course will require extensive reading and writing.

Prerequisite: None

Credit: ½

Grade: 10

Length: 1 semester

Weight: 1.1

600324 - Civics

This course includes a study of American government including the development of the American democracy, the Constitution, Rights and Responsibilities of citizenship. Comparisons will be made with other forms of government both historically and those in existence today. The role of the United States in the world today will be examined. The structure of state and local government will be studied. This course is required for graduation beginning in 2004

Prerequisite: None

Credit: ½

Grade: 10

Length: 1 semester

Weight: 1

600331 - United States History - Honors

This is the first semester of American History with emphasis placed upon the following topics: The British Constitution, the Colonial Period, the Revolutionary Period, Federalism and the Constitution, the National Period, Jefferson, Jackson and the Rise of Democracy. The second semester focuses on the Era of Compromise, Slavery and the Fragmentation of the Union, the Civil War, Reconstruction and the Radical Republicans, the Gilded Age, and America as an Emerging World Power. Extensive reading, writing, and research will be required. Particular emphasis is placed upon individual, or independent, student effort throughout the course. Extensive reading, writing, and research will be required.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor

Credit: ½

Grade: 11

Length: 1 semester

Weight: 1.2

United States History - Reconstruction through WWI

600333 - CP Weight 1.05

600335 - S Weight 1.0

This is the first semester of the required two semesters in American History. It traces our

history from the end of the civil war through industrialization, imperialism, and up through the first world war.

Prerequisite: None

Credit: ½

Grade: 11 and 12

Length: 1 semester

United States History WWI to Present

600334- CP Weight 1.05

600336 - S Weight 1.0

The second semester of the required two semester course begins with the events following World War I and through the balance of the 20th Century.

Prerequisite: None

Credit: ½

Grade: 11 and 12

Length: 1 semester

600341 - Modern World History - Honors

This two semester course is designed for Seniors who have taken Honors European History and Honors US History. The course is organized around interactive themes, dealing with phenomena that have involved large portions of the world. The first semester deals with the imperialistic period of the late 19th century to emerging nations in Africa and Asia in the 1950's and '60's. The second semester focuses on developments in the Non-European world since that time. The rise of decline of Communism, industrialization and globalization, international treaties and organizations, tribal and boundary conflicts, religious and cultural beliefs, human rights, immigration, end of the Cold War, population and resources, health and welfare, and security issues, and types of government and leadership will be the primary theme explored in the class and through student research.

Prerequisite: Honors US History
or permission of instructor

Credit: 1

Length: 1 year

Grade: 12 Weight: 1.2

600344 - Contemporary Issues

This course is a study of the issues shaping today's world. Civil and human rights, changing customs and values, ecology, the impact of science and technology, and the political scene are discussed to provide a clearer understanding of the persistent conflicts in our society. Other world areas are studied as they pertain to current events.

Prerequisite: None

Credit: ½

Grades: 11 and 12

Length: 1 semester

Weight: 1.0

600343 - The Law

Every society is governed by a code of rules established over the course of its history. The development of the American legal system will be examined and students will survey

criminal, juvenile, tort, business, consumer, family, and civil rights law. Field trips, guest speakers and mock trials are all major elements in the study of the law.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 11 and 12

Weight: 1.0

Credit: $\frac{1}{2}$

Length: 1 semester

600345 - Psychology - College Prep

Psychology is the science of behavior. It attempts to answer the question of why we behave as we do. This class' focus is on the interaction among the biological, mental, and social behavioral aspects of our personality. Besides preparing students to succeed in a college psychology course, a major focus is the practical application of this course to everyday life. Problems of procrastination, goal-setting, motivation and achievement are explored. Practical application of psychology to handling everyday problems as well as goal setting and achievement will be stressed.

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 11 through 12

Weight: 1.05

Credit: $\frac{1}{2}$

Length: 1 semester