

Social Studies Department Requirements for Course Placement

In general, recommendation for placement into an Advanced Placement course at Holy Ghost Preparatory School assumes that the student demonstrates a sound work ethic, has not been noted to have issues of lack of academic integrity and possesses interest in the area of concentration.

**** Students wishing to be considered for induction and participation in HGP's Rho Kappa, the National Social Studies Honor Society, are required to enroll (and complete) 4 years of Social Studies courses****

Departmental GPA requirement of 3.75 for AP electives consideration

Overall GPA requirement of 3.5 for Social Studies AP consideration

To maintain an AP approval, students need to pass their Social Studies AP Exam with a score of 3 or higher

To be recommended for multiple AP classes taken during a single class year, students must exemplify the highest of performance standards in class and on previously taken AP Exams (4.0 or above overall and within the Department)

If recommended for promotion, students are encouraged to start with 1 Social Studies Advanced Placement course

AP European History

- An A in the 1st Semester of World History I and a current A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Demonstrated writing abilities
- Noted Critical Thinking Skills

AP United States History (It is anticipated that this be the 1st AP for Juniors)

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of World History II and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Demonstrated writing abilities
- Noted Critical Thinking Skills

AP Psychology

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of standard-level US History and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)

AP Government

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of standard-level US History and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)

AP Macro and Micro Economics

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of standard-level US History and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Math proficiency, strong performance in current Math class