

V. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SOCIAL STUDIES

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FUNDAMENTALS OF WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Course Number: 9300

Placement: 9-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: ARD Approval

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the geographical make-up of the earth and the physical forces that can alter it. Geographical terminology will be defined. Physical and cultural geography will be compared. Students will explore the physical setting of the earth, the interaction of physical environments and will analyze patterns of urban growth in relationship to the geography of the area. This course encompasses a modified curriculum for World Geography.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Course Number: 9000

Placement: 9-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: None

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Course Number: 9205

Placement: 9-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: None

AP Human Geography is equivalent to a college introductory geography course. The purpose of AP Human Geography is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students who participate in AP Human Geography in their 9th grade year will develop habits of mind and skills necessary for success in future Advanced Placement courses. This course fulfills the requirement for 9th grade social studies and will count as an elective for students who already have a credit in World Geography.

FUNDAMENTALS OF WORLD HISTORY

Course Number: 9310

Placement: 9-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: ARD Approval

This course gives students the opportunity to trace the historical development of human cultures. It traces political, economic, and social experiences of mankind and applies them to the present for understanding and appreciating the roots, developments, and nature of American-Western civilization. The relationship of Western culture to great world problems involving international civilization will be emphasized. This course encompasses a modified curriculum for World History.

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WORLD HISTORY

Course Number: 9010

Placement: 9-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: None

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT WORLD HISTORY

Course Number: 9210

Placement: 9-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: None

AP World History is introductory college-level modern world history course. Students cultivate their understanding of world history with particular focus on 1200 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation.

WORLD STUDIES [AP WORLD HISTORY & PRE-AP ENGLISH II]

Course Number: 2025/2026

Placement: 10

Credits: 2

Prerequisite: See Prerequisites for Pre-AP English II

World Studies provides students with the opportunity to study world history and representative literary works in a combined format that will allow the student to understand how history affects the development of literature and vice versa. This course will satisfy Pre-AP English II and AP World History credit. **Please proceed to the end of the English/Language Arts section of this guide to view the required summer reading novel selections and other pertinent information.**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EUROPEAN HISTORY

Course Number: 9200

Placement: 11-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: None

AP European History is an accelerated elective course covering the history of Europe from 1450 (Renaissance) to the present. Emphasis is placed on preparing for the College Board AP exam by practicing higher level skills including: analysis, drawing conclusions, evaluating and assessing historical events using primary and secondary sources and writing at a collegiate level.

FUNDAMENTALS OF UNITED STATES HISTORY (20TH CENTURY)

Course Number: 9320

Placement: 11-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: ARD Approval

This course follows the history of America from 1877 to the present. Emphasis is placed on the problems experienced by an expanding American nation, the strength of her people in war and peace, the development of the United States as a world leader, and the importance of individual rights in a climate of national freedom based on government by constitutional law. These topics are presented in a skills approach to reinforce the basics of critical reading and writing. This course encompasses a modified curriculum for United States History.

UNITED STATES HISTORY (20TH CENTURY)

Course Number: 9050

Placement: 11-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: World History or World Geography

This course follows the history of America from 1877 to the present. Emphasis is placed on the problems experienced by an expanding American nation, the strength of her people in war and peace, the development of the United States as a world leader, and the importance of individual rights in a climate of national freedom based on government by constitutional law. These topics are presented in a skills approach to reinforce the basics of critical reading and writing.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY

Course Number: 9060

Placement: 11-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: World History or AP World History or World Geography or AP Human Geography

AP U.S. History is an accelerated course for the college-bound student. This course covers the history of the United States from colonization to the present. Emphasis is placed on outside reading, essay development, and research. The course is designed to help students receive college credit for U.S. History by taking the Advanced Placement test.

(TCC) UNITED STATES HISTORY

Course Number: 0972

Placement: 11

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 1 History class. 80+ Overall GPA & Passing score for Reading TSI Assessment.

TCC corresponding college credit:

HIST 1301/1302 – US History to/since 1876 (3 semester hours ea.) This is a regular college-level US History course in which dual credit will be awarded for college US History and high school US History. Students may receive up to 6 hours of college credit. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. This course meets the high school graduation requirement.

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FUNDAMENTALS OF GOVERNMENT

Course Number: 9330

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: ARD Approval This course provides the student with an understanding of the functions of the United States, Texas, and local governments. Topics include the foundations and development of the United States governmental system; the purposes, political and economic philosophies of the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence; the structures and functions of governments at the federal, state and local levels; and responsibilities of American citizenship. This course encompasses a modified curriculum for Government.

GOVERNMENT

Course Number: 9100

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: US History

This course provides the student with an understanding of the functions of the United States, Texas, and local governments. Topics include the foundations and development of the United States governmental system; the purposes, political and economic philosophies of the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence; the structures and functions of governments at the federal, state and local levels; and responsibilities of American citizenship.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT GOVERNMENT

Course Number: 9110

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: US History or AP US History

This course is an examination of the philosophical underpinning of our constitutional system combined with historical development and current trends. The primary focus will be on the national level. Because half of the AP American Government and Politics examination requires essay responses, writing exercises will be emphasized including book reviews, critical interpretive essays, and policy papers.

(TCC) GOVERNMENT

Course Number: 0911 FALL /0912 SPRING

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: 80+ overall GPA & Passing score for Reading TSI Assessment

TCC corresponding college credit:

GOVT 2305 – Federal Government (3 semester hours)

This is a regular college-level Political Science course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Political Science and Government. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. This course meets the high school graduation requirement.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Course Number: 9120

Placement 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: None

AP Comparative Government and Politics introduces students to the rich diversity of political life outside the United States. This elective course uses a comparative approach to examine the political structures; policies; and the political, economic, and social challenges among six selected countries: Great Britain, Mexico, Russia, Iran, China, and Nigeria. Additionally, students examine how different governments solve similar problems by comparing the effectiveness of approaches to many global issues.

(TCC) TEXAS GOVERNMENT

Course Number: 0914

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: Passing score for TSI Assessment and a C or better in ENGL 1301

This is a regular college-level Political Science course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Texas Government. The student will receive 3 hours of college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. The emphasis of this course is the origin and development of the Texas Constitution, structure and powers of state and local government, federalism and inter-governmental relations, political participation, the election process, public policy, and the political culture of Texas. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ECONOMICS

Course Number: 9330

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: ARD Approval

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the factors that have influenced the growth and development of the free enterprise system. Emphasis is placed on topics such as unemployment, inflation, international trade, the interaction of business and labor and the effects of government spending and taxes. This course encompasses a modified curriculum for Economics.

ECONOMICS

Course Number: 9140

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: US History

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the factors that have influenced the growth and development of the free enterprise system. Emphasis is placed on topics such as unemployment, inflation, international trade, the interaction of business and labor and the effects of government spending and taxes.

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT MACROECONOMICS

Course Number: 9150

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: US History or AP US History

This AP course in macroeconomics is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole while placing particular emphasis on the study of national income and price determination, and develop students' familiarity with economic performance measures, economic growth, and international economics.

(TCC) ECONOMICS

Course Number: 0915 FALL/0916 SPRING

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: 80+ Overall GPA & Passing Score on Reading TSI Assessment (MISD requirement only)
TCC corresponding college credit: ECON 2301 – Principles of Macroeconomics (3 semester hours)

This is a regular college-level Economics course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Economics and high school Economics. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. This course meets the high school graduation requirement.

(TCC) MICROECONOMICS

Course Number: 0918

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: ECON 2301; 80+ Overall GPA & Passing Score on Reading TSI Assessment (MISD requirement only)

TCC corresponding college credit:

ECON 2302 – Principles of Microeconomics (3 semester hours) This is a regular college-level Economics course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Economics and high school Economics with an emphasis of the behavior of individual economic agents. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT MICROECONOMICS

Course Number: 9151

Placement: 12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: US History or AP US History

This elective course in microeconomics is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics as they apply to individuals, household, and firms within the overall economic system. It places particular emphasis on the study of markets and market structures and seeks to develop students' familiarity with the theory of the firm, resource markets, market efficiency, and inequity, government regulation of markets.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

Course Number: 9190

Placement: 10-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: None

Personal Financial Literacy will develop citizens who have the knowledge and skills to make sound, informed financial decisions that will allow them to lead financially secure lifestyles and understand personal financial responsibility. Students will apply critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to analyze decisions involving earning and spending, saving and investing, credit and borrowing, insuring and protecting, and college and post-secondary education and training.

PSYCHOLOGY

Course Number: 9170

Placement: 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: None

This course provides an introduction to the various fields of psychology. Human Growth, development, and behavior are studied in order to understand personality theories and disorders. Other topics include abnormal psychology, group behavior, human interaction, therapy, and altered states of consciousness such as hypnosis, hallucinations, sleep and dreams.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY

Course Number: 9173

Placement: 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: None

This is a college level course that incorporates an understanding of psychology, the scientific study of human behavior and the mental process. Topics that will be introduced will include memory and thought, body and behavior, sleep and dreams, motivation and emotion, personality and individuality, life span, stress and health, human relationships, psychological research, careers and statistics in psychology and therapy.

(TCC) PSYCHOLOGY

Course Number: 0970

Placement: 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: 80+ overall GPA & Passing Score on Reading TSI Assessment

TCC corresponding college credit:

PSYC 2301 – Introduction to Psychology (3 semester hours). This is a regular college-level Psychology course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Psychology and high school Psychology. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus.

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Course Number: 9180

Placement: 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: None

This course provides an introduction to various fields of sociology. Culture, ethnic and racial groups, gender differences and group dynamics are studied in order to understand socialization. Other topics include crime and deviance, nature versus nurture, and teen problems such as drug and alcohol abuse and other social problems.

(TCC) SOCIOLOGY

Course Number: 0980

Placement: 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: 80+ overall GPA & TSI Assessment

TCC corresponding college credit: SOCI 1301 – Introduction to Sociology (3 semester hours)

This is a regular college-level Sociology course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Sociology and high school Sociology. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. **The reading TSI Assessment must be passed before students will be allowed to enroll in TCC classes.**

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL STUDIES: WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Course Number: 9185

Placement 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: None

What role did women play in key events in American history? What were women's lives like before the arrival of European settlers, during the colonial period, during the 19th century? How are women portrayed in the media? In this course, students enhance their knowledge of women's roles throughout American history and explore how primary sources reveal and conceal women's history.

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL STUDIES: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Course Number: 9187

Placement 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: None

This elective course provides an opportunity to explore African American history from 1600 to the present. Students will gain a greater understanding of African-American cultural identity. The historical background, customs, art, drama, music, folklore, and other contributions of African-Americans to the American way of life are emphasized.

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SS: HEBREW SCRIPTURES (Old Testament) AND NEW TESTAMENT

Course Number 9186

Placement 11-12

Credits: ½

Prerequisite: World History

This elective course focuses on the content, history, literary style, and structure of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament. Students will use primary and secondary source materials, technology, and critical thinking skills.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

Course Number(s): 2340

Placement: 10-12

Credits: 1

Prerequisite: Student Application

Students will participate on the competitive Academic Decathlon team. First year students are awarded credit in Special Topics in Advanced Studies. Second year students are awarded .5 credit in Special Topics in Social Studies. This course may **not** be used to fulfill any of the English requirements for graduation.