

## SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

**"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects, what never was and never will be. I know of no safer depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them enlightened enough to exercise their control with wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion."**

**Thomas Jefferson**

The role of social studies at Eagan High School is to facilitate the intellectual and experiential growth of students by exposing them to a variety of ideas, philosophies, cultures and people. This variety spans from a local to a global perspective in an attempt to explain and better understand social systems and human behavior. The social studies faculty invites students to be an integral part of an excellent program and to take an active role in developing their abilities and potentials to the fullest, while exploring their dynamic relationship with the world around them.

The social studies courses are organized by grade level. Graduation requirements are listed below.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 9**

Three trimester courses for students in grade 9 are required as follows:

#### GRADE 9 COLLEGE PREP REQUIREMENTS:

1106 Civics A  
1104 Civics B  
1105 Civics C

#### GRADE 9 HONORS COURSES:

1109 Honors Civics A  
1107 Honors Civics B  
1108 Honors Civics C

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 10**

Three trimester courses for students in grade 10 are required as follows:

#### GRADE 10 COLLEGE PREP REQUIREMENTS:

1126 US History A  
1127 US History B  
1128 US History C

#### GRADE 10 HONORS COURSES:

1132 Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> US History A  
1133 Advanced Placement US History B  
1134 Advanced Placement US History C

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 11**

Three trimester courses for students in grade 11 are required as follows:

#### GRADE 11 COLLEGE PREP REQUIREMENTS:

1151 World History A  
1152 World History B  
1153 World History C

#### GRADE 11 HONORS COURSES:

1171 Advanced Placement European History A  
1172 Advanced Placement European History B  
1173 Advanced Placement European History C

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 12**

Three senior social studies course are required of students in grade 12. One of these classes must be:

1181 Economics **OR** 1187 AP Micro & Macro

GRADE 11, 12 HONORS COURSES:

Two additional courses must be selected from the following Social Studies options:

- 1182 Sociology
- 1183 Psychology
- 1184 Political Science

- 1194 Advanced Placement Psychology A
- 1195 Advanced Placement Psychology B
- 1196 Advanced Placement Psychology C

Senior Social Studies Students may also choose to take 1191, 1192, 1193 - Developmental Psychology A,B,C. These classes fulfill the requirements of the senior elective requirements. Students that take these courses must also take 1181 Economics.

**SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS IN GRADES 10, 11 OR 12 MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO TAKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTIVES IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED COURSES:**

- 1141 - World Philosophy **OFFERED School year beginning with odd year**
- 1143 - World Religions **OFFERED School year beginning with even year**
- 1144 - Criminology A
- 1145 - Criminology B (Grades 11-12)
- 1146 – True North
- 1147 – Women in the World

**NOTE: It should be noted that students may take more than the minimum number of social studies courses.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**COURSES FIRST OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 9**

**CIVICS COURSES**

1106 <u>Civics A</u>	Grade 9 Prerequisite: None
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In this course students will learn how responsible citizens can participate in society. Students will examine goal setting and decision making as they relate to both career choices and ethical decisions. Students will do an in-depth study of careers and professional options to help prepare them for the future. Students will also be exposed to personal economics, civic responsibilities and expectations, and governments impact on society through programs, the economy and taxes.

\*Note: The successful completion of this course is required for all students in 9th grade.

1104 <u>Civics B</u>	Grade 9 Prerequisite: None
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This course will explore many areas of government. The course will begin with a study of the shared democratic principles that bind us together as a nation. Students will be introduced to political parties and their function in our democratic system. The course will also cover important political documents and the structure and function of the legislative and executive branches of government.

\*Note: The successful completion of this course is required for all students in 9th grade.

1105 <u>Civics C</u>	Grade 9 Prerequisite: None
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One part of this course will deal with state and local levels of government. It will look at structure and roles that each play in the system. The other main focus of this course will be on the third branch of government, the judicial branch. Within this area students will study both civil and criminal law.

\*Note: The successful completion of this course is required for all students in 9th grade.

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### 1109 Honors Civics A

Grade 9  
Prerequisite: None

In this course students will learn how responsible citizens can participate in society. Students will examine goal setting and decision making as they relate to both career and ethical choices. Students will do an in-depth study of careers and professional options to help prepare them for the future. Students will also be exposed to personal economics, civic responsibilities and expectations, and governments impact on society through programs, the economy and taxes. As a part of this course, students will be required to complete a significant amount of readings outside of class in their preparation for the course material.

\*Note: The successful completion of this course or Civics A is required for all students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### 1107 Honors Civics B

Grade 9  
Prerequisite: None

This course will explore many areas of government. The course will begin with a study of the shared democratic principles that bind us together as a nation. Students will be introduced to political parties and their function in the democratic system. The course will also cover important political documents and the structure and function of the legislative and executive branches of government. As a part of this course, students will be required to complete a significant amount of readings outside of class in their preparation for the course material.

\*Note: The successful completion of this course or Civics B is required for all students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### 1108 Honors Civics C

Grade 9  
Prerequisite: None

One part of this course will deal with state and local government. It will look at the structure and roles that each play in the government system. The other main focus is the third branch of government, the Judicial branch. Within this area students will study criminal and civil law. Students will participate in a class mock trial and will be required to complete readings and activities to enhance their knowledge of law.

\*Note: The successful completion of this course or Civics C is required for all students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## COURSES FIRST OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 10

### AMERICAN HISTORY COURSES

#### 1126 U.S. History A

#### 1127 U.S. History B

#### 1128 U.S. History C

Grade 10  
Prerequisite: None

These courses examine in a chronological sequence selected time periods and events in American History by examining the social, cultural, economic, political, and international aspects of each topic. These courses are designed to give students a historical background as they develop their skills and shape their values as they prepare to become active participants in the affairs of their country and the world. Note: This is a full year required course for all GRADE 10 students. Students must register for all three courses. These courses are full-year required courses.

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1132 <u>Advanced Placement U.S. History A</u>	Grades 10,11,12
1133 <u>Advanced Placement U.S. History B</u>	Prerequisite: None
1134 <u>Advanced Placement U.S. History C</u>	

Advanced Placement United States History is a college-level class and has two main goals. One is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Exam in United States History, which you make a commitment to take in May. The second and perhaps more important goal of this class is to make you more perceptive and more informed students. You will have to know not simply what happened, but how and why it is significant. By the end of the year you should be able to analyze the actions of historical figures, and how those actions affected different groups in the U.S. You should be able to understand and defend a variety of points of view on a given issue, even if you do not agree with those positions or conclusions. You will also learn how subjective history is: that different people see the same event in very different ways, and that these varying versions dramatically affect the way people learn history. You will learn to express your ideas clearly and concisely, both verbally and in writing. Finally, you should be able to absorb information from many different sources, including books, documents, pictures, cartoons, graphs, charts, and maps. Note: These courses fulfill the sophomore year Social Studies requirement. They are elective courses for juniors and seniors, and must be taken in addition to, not instead of the regularly scheduled junior-senior Social Studies courses.

1141 <u>World Philosophy</u>	Grades 10,11,12 <b>offered school year beginning with odd year</b>
	Prerequisite: None

This student-centered, higher-level thinking course is about the "History of Ideas." It is an attempt to learn what people from around the world have been thinking throughout history. Using a "seminar discussion" approach, students will be given ample opportunity to discuss the ideas and concepts of the great thinkers of the past by relating them to the present and to their own philosophy about life and history. Note: This course is offered for elective credit only and does not fulfill the graduation requirements for Social Studies.

1143 <u>World Religions</u>	Grades 10,11,12 <b>offered school year beginning with even year</b>
	Prerequisite: None

This course examines the rituals, symbols, and beliefs of the world's major religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and new religious movements. The primary objective is not to advocate nor convert students to religion, but rather to increase their awareness, knowledge, and respect for other religious traditions as well as exploring the role religion plays in their society and in current issues. Note: This course is offered for elective credit only and does not fulfill the graduation requirements for Social Studies.

1144 <u>Criminology A</u>	Grades 10,11,12
	Prerequisite: None

Criminology is the study of crimes, criminals and the criminal justice process. This course examines the many explanations and theories of crime along with looking at the purpose of punishment in the courts. By studying the various types of crimes and groups associated with them, students will also learn about the many methods applied in crime scene investigations. Note: This course is offered for elective credit only and does not fulfill the graduation requirements for Social Studies.

1145 <u>Criminology B</u>	Grades 11,12
	Prerequisite: Successful Completion of Criminology A

This course is designed to further explore and investigate the field of Criminology. As a part of the curriculum, students will learn about different areas of law enforcement, infamous criminals, international crime, rights in the justice system and trial procedures, and finally crime scene investigations and the forensic science tools available in processing cases. A passing grade in Criminology A is a required prerequisite for Criminology B. Note: This course is offered for elective credit only and does not fulfill the graduation requirements for Social Studies.

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1146 True North (Growing to Lead/Leading to Grow) Grades 10-12  
Prerequisite: None

In order to lead others, we first need to lead ourselves. Leadership must be an inside job before it can become an outside one. In this course, students will explore the art of leadership through images, discussion and the ability to self- discover their own leadership potential. Students will have an EPIC (experimental, participatory, image rich and connected) journey to build the skills necessary to be successful in life in addition to being post-high school and career ready. During this course, students will also have an opportunity to apply leadership skills into action. NOTE: This course is offered for elective credit only and does not fulfill the graduation requirements for Social Studies.

1147 Women in the World: Yesterday and today Grades 10-12  
A Survey Course

The scope of this course will be three-fold: First, this class will open with the contributions of women in the broadest stroke from world history, focusing on key contributions of women as shown by evidence in writing, art and culture. The second part of the class will focus on women in America from the colonial period to present day. The third area the course will examine the current roles of women both in the United States today as well as the world abroad.

Women's Studies will examine the experiences and contributions of diverse groups of women in American society. This course will provide knowledge about social, economic and political roles of women and their involvement in areas such as health, history, and activism. The course will also provide knowledge about gender stereotypes and how this impacts women today. NOTE: This course is offered for elective credit only and does not fulfill the graduation requirements for Social Studies.

### COURSES FIRST OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 11

#### GRADE 11 WORLD HISTORY

Three (3) trimester-long World History courses are required of all students in Grade 11.

1151 World History A Grades 11,12  
1152 World History B Prerequisite: None  
1153 World History C

Students will explore an overview of the development of civilizations across the world. These courses will cover the regions from many perspectives including: history, geography, ethnic groups, religion, philosophy, arts and literature, government, economic systems, international relations and contemporary issues. Note: The successful completion of these courses is required of all students for graduation.

1171 Advanced Placement European History A Grades 11,12  
1172 Advanced Placement European History B Prerequisite: None  
1173 Advanced Placement European History C

Advanced Placement European History is a course designed for college-level students who have special skills and interests in historical study. It is an intensive survey of European political, social, economic and intellectual history from the Renaissance to the present. AP US History is not a pre-requisite for students wanting to take AP European History. Students will do extensive note taking, essay writing, reading in a college-level text, and analysis of documents and other primary source materials. Upon completion of this course, students will be prepared to take an optional Advanced Placement Exam by which they could earn college credit. Note: These courses fulfill the junior year social studies requirement. These are elective courses for seniors, and must be taken in addition to, not instead of the regularly scheduled senior social studies courses.

1194 AP: Psychology A Grade 11, 12  
1195 AP: Psychology B Prerequisite: None  
1196 AP: Psychology C

The purpose of the Advanced Placement course in Psychology is to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles and phenomena associated within the major subfields of psychology. They also learn the methods psychologists use in their science and practice. This course may not be used to replace the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies requirement.

Any of the following classes may be taken for elective credit by sophomores, juniors or seniors.

- 1141 - World Philosophy OFFERED School year beginning with odd year
- 1143 - World Religions OFFERED School year beginning with even year
- 1144 – Criminology A
- 1145 – Criminology B (Juniors and Seniors only)
- 1146 – True North
- 1147 – Women in the World

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**COURSES FIRST OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 12**

**SENIOR SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES**

1181 Economics Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

This course is an introduction to micro and macro economics. The focus of the course will be economic systems, the market and the consumer, supply and demand, monetary and fiscal policy, national income accounting, international economics, and the study of the Federal Reserve. The course will also focus on the U.S. economy and its role in the world economy. Note: This course is a requirement for all seniors.

1182 Sociology Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

This course is an introduction to sociology. It is designed for students who wish to explore the exciting complexities of human relationships and social institutions. It is designed to further students' understanding of themselves and their relationship with others. Students will evaluate the extent to which society influences personality and controls behavior. Note: This course satisfies one of the senior elective requirements for Social Studies.

1183 Psychology Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

This course is an introduction to the essential topics in psychology. Throughout this study of human behavior and the mind, you will gain insight into why individuals behave the way they do. The course will include an examination of the main perspectives of psychology, important psychologists, human development, abnormal psychology and personality. Note: This course satisfies one of the senior elective requirements for Social Studies.

1184 Political Science Grade 12  
Prerequisite: None

This course is a general introduction to Political Science. It will focus on the topics of American political philosophy, political systems around the world, political parties, elections, various local speakers, and much more. Note: This course satisfies one of the senior elective requirements for Social Studies.

1194 AP: Psychology A Grade 11, 12  
1195 AP: Psychology B Prerequisite: None  
1196 AP: Psychology C

The purpose of the Advanced Placement course in Psychology is to introduce students to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles and phenomena associated within the major subfields of psychology. They also learn the methods psychologists use in their science and practice. This course may not be used to replace the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies requirement.

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1197 <u>AP: Economics A</u>	Grade 12
1198 <u>AP: Economics B</u>	Prerequisite: None
1199 <u>AP: Economics C</u>	

AP Economics is a year-long introductory college-level course that requires advanced reading and study skills. The course consists of both AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics.

AP Microeconomics provides students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the economic system. Primary emphasis is on the nature and functions of product markets, and includes the study of factor markets and of the role government plays in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy. AP Macroeconomics provides students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. Such a course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price-level determination, and also develops familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics.

Advanced Placement Economics fulfills the 12th grade Social Studies graduation requirement.

1191 <u>Developmental Psychology A</u> (2 credits)	Grade 12
1192 <u>Developmental Psychology B</u> (2 credits)	Prerequisite: Application and Teacher approval
1193 <u>Developmental Psychology C</u> (2 credits)	

This is a unique class that will involve a very high level of commitment and responsibility, and will offer a wide variety of benefits. Each course is offered in a 2 hour block and is worth 2 social studies credits. The courses will concentrate on the following areas:

1. As of the 2019-2020 school year, students have concurrent enrollment at Minnesota State Mankato and Eagan High School. A student could accrue 3 total college credits in KSP150 (Exploring Careers in Education).
2. The major thrust of this program will be to teach our district's chemical prevention and healthy living education curriculum to small groups of sixth graders. Students will be working with sixth graders in a group of about 10-15 students and will be their teacher for the entire year. Students will be preparing, teaching, and evaluating course content for sixth grade students.
3. The psychology of growth and development will be covered. This will involve studying various approaches to understanding growth and their application to student's personal lives. This class provides an in-depth study of various schools of thought in Psychology focusing on major psychologists of this century.
4. The process of group development will be explored. Working within the group process so as to create an atmosphere of trust and commitment, students will grow in knowledge about themselves and others.
5. Seniors selected for the course agree to follow the district's chemical policy in which seniors are required to remain chemically free the entire year.

Note: This is a year long course. Students MUST register for all three course numbers. Senior students must also enroll in 1181-Economics. Note: This course satisfies the senior elective requirements for social studies.

Any of the following classes may be taken for elective credit by seniors.

- 1141 - World Philosophy
- 1143 - World Religions
- 1144 - Criminology A
- 1145 - Criminology B
- 1147 – Women in the World

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