



Greenwich Public Schools Curriculum Overview

SOCIAL STUDIES ESL 2

Personalized learning is achieved through standards-based, rigorous and relevant curriculum that is aligned to digital tools and resources.

Note: Teachers retain professional discretion in how the learning is presented based on the needs and interests of their students.

Course Description: (from COSG)

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Full Year

101850 6 Blocks 1 Social Studies Credit

This course for English language learners is an analytical approach to the study of geographic, historical, political, social, economic and cultural factors which have shaped the world. The course will provide intensive academic language practice with a focus on non-fiction reading and composition. The emphasis is on critical analysis of political, economic and social systems.

Unit Guide: (List of Major Units)

1. Human Geography
2. Governmental Systems
3. US Government
4. Analyzing Democratic Structures
5. State Government
6. Local Government - Greenwich Case Study
7. Independent Research - Global Topics

Enduring Understanding

- The development of culture is shaped by external forces such as geography, climate, natural resources and human migration.
- Cultural diversity is a natural product of the human experience.
- There are many perspectives and philosophies about the role of government.
- The dispersal of power throughout the structures of the United States' state and federal governments is complex.
- It is necessary to evaluate all perspectives when researching political topics.
- It is essential to examine the structures and roles of government in a democracy.

Performance Tasks: (Including Capstone Assured Experiences)

- Interpersonal and presentational speaking and writing activities
- Teacher-generated quizzes and unit assessments to show mastery (vocabulary and grammar along with listening, reading, speaking)
- Unit Argumentative Essays
- Independent research - Global Issues

Standards

[CELP Standards for English Language Learners \(page 12 of the linked document\)](#)

Resources