

# SOCIAL STUDIES



## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

[9000] World Geography  
**[9205] AP Human Geography**

Select from on level or advanced course  
Each course has a semester A and B  
Successful completion of each semester  
earns students .5 credits  
The full year is 1 credit

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

[9010] World History  
**[9210] AP World History**

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

[9050] US History  
**[9060] AP US History**  
**[0972] TCC US History**

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Fundamentals and Sheltered  
course equivalents for Social  
Studies require approval

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

[9100] Government  
**[9110] AP Government & Politics**  
[9140] Economics  
[9160] Personal Financial Literacy & Economics  
**[9150] AP Economics**  
**[0911/0912] TCC Government**  
**[0915/0916] TCC Economics**

Bolded courses = weighted credit

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Social Studies Graduation  
Credits Needed = 3

## Social Studies Options:

Students are not required to take four years of social studies courses. They must choose either World Geography or World History and US History, Government, and Economics. For example, if a student takes World Geography or AP Human Geography then they are not required to take World History or AP World History. Students may also choose electives below.

[9120] AP Comparative Government  
[9151] AP Micro Economics  
[9170] Psychology  
[9173] AP Psychology  
[9180] Sociology  
[9185] Special Topics: Women in American History  
[9186] Special Topics: Hebrew Scripture & New Testament  
[9187] Special Topics: African American Studies  
[] Special Topics: Mexican American Studies

[9190] Personal Financial Literacy  
[9200] AP European History  
[2340] Academic Decathlon

Dual Credit Electives:  
[0914] TCC Texas Government  
[0970] TCC Psychology  
[0980] TCC Sociology



## Endorsements

### Arts & Humanities

- A total of five credits in Social Studies which must include US History Studies, Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit), and either World Geography or World History

### Multidisciplinary

- Four credits in the core foundation areas to include four math credits
- Must include English IV, Chemistry, and/or Physics



## Graduation Requirements

- Foundation Plan = 3 Social Studies credits
- Two of the credits must be from the following:
  - US History
  - Government (.5 credit)
  - Economics (.5 credit)
- The additional credit must be selected from the following courses:
  - World Geography or AP Human Geography
  - World History or AP World History

## Honors Ranking

Courses identified as Social Studies by TEA under Chapter 74 and Chapter 113 and offered by MISD are calculated into the GPA for honors ranking (starting with Class of 2023).

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## FUNDAMENTALS OF WORLD GEOGRAPHY

**Course Number: 9300**

**Placement: 9-12**

**Credits: 1**

**Prerequisite: ARD Approval**

In this course students examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. Students describe the influence of geography on events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. Students compare how components of culture shape the characteristics of regions. This course utilizes a modified curriculum for World Geography.

## WORLD GEOGRAPHY

**Course Number: 9000**

**Placement: 9-12**

**Credits: 1**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this course students examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. Students describe the influence of geography on events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. Students compare how components of culture shape the characteristics of regions and students use problem-solving and decision-making skills to ask and answer geographic questions.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade year will develop habits of mind and skills necessary for success in future Advanced Placement courses. This course fulfills the requirement for 9<sup>th</sup> 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 utilizes a modified curriculum for World History.

## WORLD HISTORY

**Course Number: 9010**

**Placement: 9-12**

**Credits: 1**

**Prerequisite: None**

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.

## 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.

**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****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 utilizes a modified curriculum for United States History.

**UNITED STATES HISTORY****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 ELAR 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.

**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 utilizes 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.

**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. Students examine how different governments solve problems by comparing the effectiveness of approaches to many global issues.

**(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.

**(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 PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY & ECONOMICS**

**Course Number: 9360**

**Placement: 12**

**Credits: ½**

**Prerequisite: ARD Approval**

This course will develop citizens who have the knowledge and skills to make sound, informed financial decisions allowing them to understand personal financial responsibility. The knowledge gained in this course has far-reaching effects for students personally as well as the economy as a whole. Students will understand the factors that have influenced the growth and development of our free enterprise system. This course utilizes a modified curriculum.

**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.

**PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY & ECONOMICS**

**Course Number: 9160**

**Placement: 12**

**Credits: ½**

**Prerequisite: US History**

This course will develop citizens who have the knowledge and skills to make sound, informed financial decisions allowing them to understand personal financial responsibility. The knowledge gained in this course has far-reaching effects for students personally as well as the economy as a whole. Students will understand the factors that have influenced the growth and development of our free enterprise system.

**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.

**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.

**(TCC) ECONOMICS**

**Course Number: 0915 FALL/0916 SPRING**

**Placement: 12**

**Credits: ½**

**Prerequisite: 80+ Overall GPA & Passing Score on ELAR 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 ELAR 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.

**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 introduces 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: 1****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 ELAR 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. **Students electing to take TCC Psychology may not take AP Psychology as these are both college level psychology courses.**

**SOCIOLOGY****Course Number: 9180****Placement: 11-12****Credits: ½****Prerequisite: None**

This course introduces 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 ELAR assessment must be passed before students will be allowed to enroll in TCC classes.**

**SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL STUDIES: WOMEN IN AMERICAN STUDIES****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 STUDIES****Course Number: 9186****Placement 11-12****Credits: ½****Prerequisite: None**

This elective course provides an opportunity for students to learn about the history and cultural contributions of African Americans. The historical background, customs, art, drama, music, folklore, and other contributions of African Americans to the American way of life are explored.

**SPECIAL TOPICS IN SS: HEBREW SCRIPTURES (Old Testament) AND NEW TESTAMENT****Course Number 9187****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.

**SPECIAL TOPICS IN SS: MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES****Course Number 9188****Placement 11-12****Credits: ½****Prerequisite: None**

This elective course provides an opportunity for students to learn about the history and cultural contributions of Mexican Americans. The historical background, customs, art, drama, music, folklore, and other contributions of Mexican Americans to the American way of life explored.

**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.