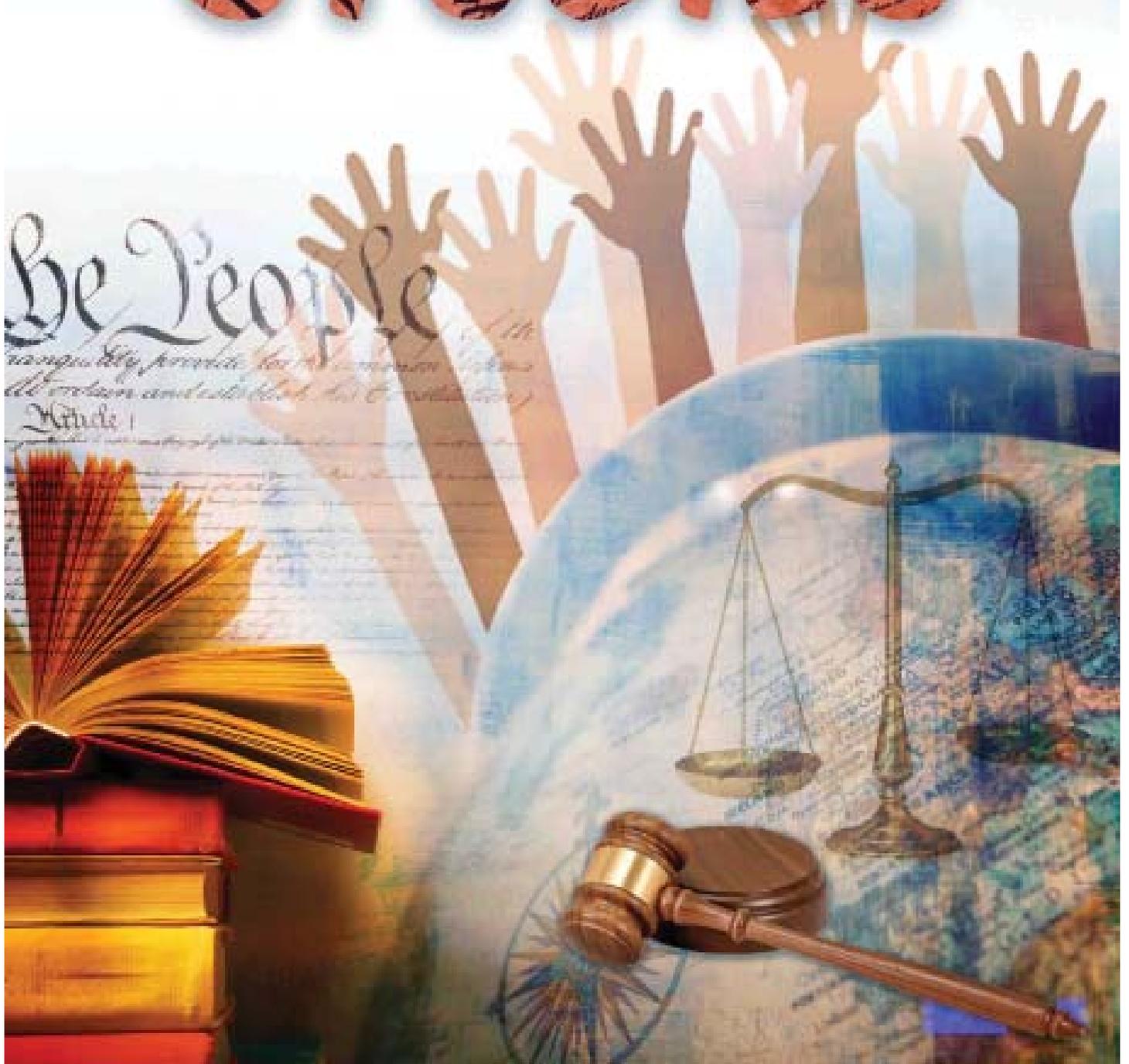
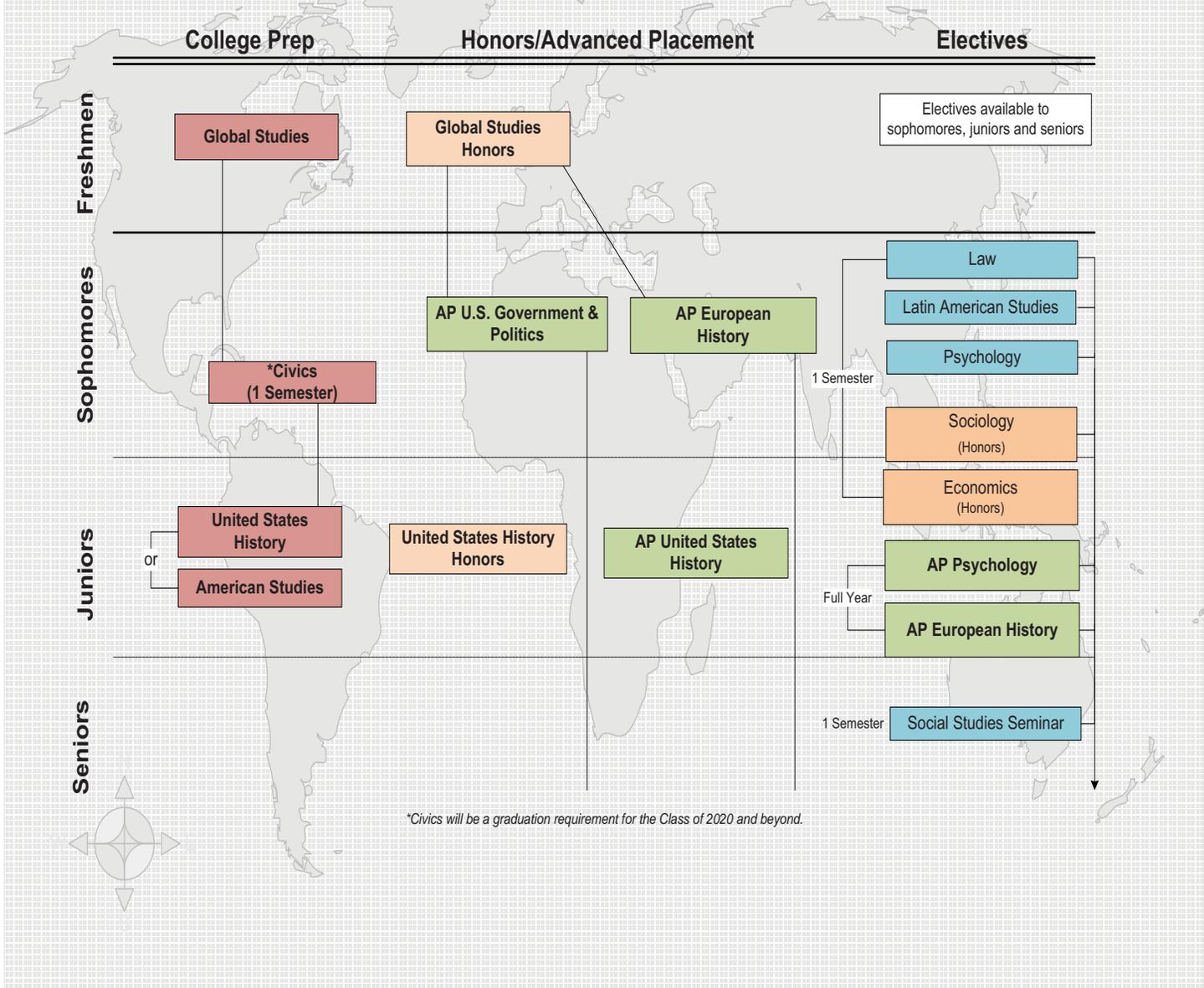


SOCIAL STUDIES



Social Studies 2023-2024



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Social Studies teaches the understanding of different cultures, attitudes, and behaviors in our world today. Courses emphasize the role of the United States and the skills necessary for citizenship in American democracy. We live in a global society where mature social concepts, both on domestic and international levels, are necessary for peace and progress.

GLOBAL STUDIES

SOC 101, 102, 103

Required: Grade 9 One Credit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

SOC 141, 142, 143

SOC 141CT, 142CT, 143CT
Required: Grade 9 One Credit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

SOC 1417, 1427, 1437

SOC 1419, 1429, 1439
Required: Grade 9 One Credit
Prerequisite: IEP Determination
Grade Weight: College Prep

This course provides an introduction to the comparative study of cultures and religions throughout world history. The course concludes with a historical study of world conflict as it pertains to culture and religion. Emphasis is also placed on the study of genocide throughout the world. Development of reading and critical thinking is stressed.

BILINGUAL GLOBAL STUDIES

ELL 151, 152, 153

Required: Grade 9 One Credit
Prerequisite: None

Bilingual Global Studies is a two-semester course that is required for graduation. The purpose of the course is to develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills while introducing the technical language, content and skills of social studies. The course will use student background knowledge and language skills to increase content knowledge. This course is taught with an emphasis on supporting student acquisition of academic Spanish and English. The ratio of language usage will change as the course progresses. First semester focuses on the study of social studies themes including geography, economics, government, and culture. Second semester builds upon previous content and themes. It includes the study of international

conflict and a project through which students apply the themes of social studies using simulated countries and conflicts. Throughout the year, students will complete informative and argumentative writing and speaking to demonstrate skills.

GLOBAL STUDIES HONORS

SOC 161, 162, 163

Required: Grade 9 One Credit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: Honors

This survey course provides an introduction to the comparative study of geography, culture, religion, political science, economics, and genocide. Each semester concludes with the study of world conflict as it pertains to the areas covered during that particular semester. The course focuses on the development of writing, reading, and critical thinking skills.

CIVICS

SOC 250

SOC 250CT

SOC 2507

Required: Grade 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

Civics is a one-semester course which explores the question: "What are the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and actions of an effective citizen in a democratic republic?" Students investigate the answer to this question through a simulated legislative body where they interact with students from all other civics classes in the school. Students are expected to show growth in their ability to apply their knowledge and understanding of local, state, and federal government concepts throughout the simulation as well as develop their problem solving, decision making, and critical thinking skills. This course satisfies the U.S. and Illinois Constitution requirement for graduation.

LAW

SOC 240

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course deals with the study of jurisprudence and the American court system. The focus of material includes Constitutional law, family law, and criminal law. Students will engage in a mock trial. Special emphasis is placed on the development of reading, writing, and oral presentation skills.

PSYCHOLOGY

SOC 380

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course is designed to expose students to the

world of normal psychology. Attention is paid to the biology and chemistry of the human brain. Emphasis is placed on the psychological research regarding sleep, dreams, mental health, and learning. This course requires reading, oral and written communication, and research skills.

ECONOMICS HONORS

SOC 440

Elective: Grade 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Honors

Economics focuses on the areas of production, consumption, distribution of goods, price determination, government and the economy, economic stability and growth, comparative economics, classical and contemporary economic theories, and economic problems. Emphasis is placed on the structure and functioning of the free enterprise system and the quality of economic systems in general.

This course meets the consumer education graduation requirement.

SOCIOLOGY HONORS

SOC 450

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Honors

The course teaches the basic concepts, methods, and perspectives of sociology as a social science in order to examine the basic nature of human relationships. Looking at customs, institutions, social structure, and culture, the course explores how these relationships affect our fundamental concerns and values, beliefs, and behavior. The course considers such topics as family life, groups and organizations, sex and age roles, minorities and social classes, religious and political movements, and social problems.

AP U.S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS ☀

SOC 361, 362, 363

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This full-year course introduces students to key political ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the political culture of the United States. The course examines politically significant concepts and themes through which students learn to apply disciplinary reasoning, assess the causes and consequences of political events, and interpret data to develop evidence-based arguments. Students will also participate in the Civics legislative simulation. This course satisfies the U.S. and Illinois Constitution requirement for graduation. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY ☀

SOC 221, 222, 223

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Global Studies or Global Studies Honors

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

The study of European History since 1450 introduces students to cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Without this knowledge, we would lack the context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions and the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current artistic expression and intellectual discourse. In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goal of the AP program in European History is to develop an understanding of the principal themes in modern European history, an ability to analyze historical evidence and interpretation, and an ability to express historical understanding in writing. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

AP PSYCHOLOGY ☀

SOC 481, 482, 483

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This year-long course provides an accelerated study of psychology. Students acquire understandings equivalent to those gained in a college-level introductory course. Coursework offers a general study of terms and concepts that psychologists use as well as concentration in theories of learning development, personality, emotions, feelings, self-awareness, problems of the unconscious, and social psychology. This course will prepare students to take the College Board Advanced Placement Exam. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

UNITED STATES HISTORY

SOC 311, 312, 313

SOC 311CT, 312CT, 313CT

Required: Grade 11 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

SOC 3117, 3127,

3137

SOC 3119, 3129, 3139

Required: Grade 11 One Credit

Prerequisite: IEP Determination

Grade Weight: College Prep

U.S. History is a chronological study of the major political, economic, social, and cultural events from the creation of the Constitution to the present. The importance of geography in the development of the nation is stressed as well as the role played by important persons. Attention is given to the impact of art and music on our history. Students also learn about current issues and problems and their connection to the events of the past.

UNITED STATES HISTORY

AMERICAN STUDIES

SOC 341, 342

Required: Grade 11 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

"What is an American?" This question and many more are explored in American Studies, a course where students gain insight into what we've done as a nation and what we've thought, felt, and dreamt. The synergy of topics in American history and American literature provides more material, modes, and time for asking essential questions about our nation's development. By exploring recurring themes in literature and history, students recognize the connectedness of human experience. Ultimately, they gain a better understanding of the development of the United States and their roles as citizens in this nation. Students must enroll in English III, American Studies, and U.S. History American Studies concurrently.

UNITED STATES HISTORY HONORS

SOC 321, 322, 323

Required: Grade 11 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Honors

This course covers the same content as U.S. History, but more emphasis is placed on depth of subject matter. Attention is given to ideas, cause and effect relationships, supplemental readings, and research work. The study of the past is used in an attempt to understand contemporary issues and problems. Critical thinking, problem solving, role playing, interpretation of primary sources, and oral recitation are required.

AP UNITED STATES HISTORY ☀

SOC 331, 332, 333

Required: Grade 11 One Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This course is part of a national program which enables top students to obtain college credit for high school work. In preparation for the national advanced placement exam, students will be expected to do extensive reading of primary source documents, develop analytical essays, and demonstrate critical-thinking skills by identifying significant themes in American history. This course chronologically examines the development of the United States. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

SOC 260

Elective: Grade 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep, Honors

Latin American Studies serves as an effort to decenter the Western lens of history and social studies and afford students the opportunity to engage with a study of Latin America and Latin American issues through research, writing, and critical thinking. This course includes a personal exploration of racial and ethnic identity as well

as an exploration of the complex origins, realities, and contemporary issues of the Latin American community in relation to one's lived experience. Engagement with the history of the Latin American community in Leyden Township is achieved through examining the origins of Latin American migration to the United States, contemporary social issues in the Latin American community, and questions surrounding the Latin American identity in the twenty-first century. Students have the opportunity to earn honors credit.

SOCIAL STUDIES SEMINAR

SOC 420

Elective: Grade 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep, Honors

Social Studies Seminar is an opportunity to explore a specific topic within the social sciences in depth over a semester. This seminar is intended to give students the personal experience of becoming a social scientist through a wide variety of skill-building activities and projects. Students have the opportunity to earn honors credit.