

O'Fallon Township High School Social Studies Department Course Offerings 2023-2024



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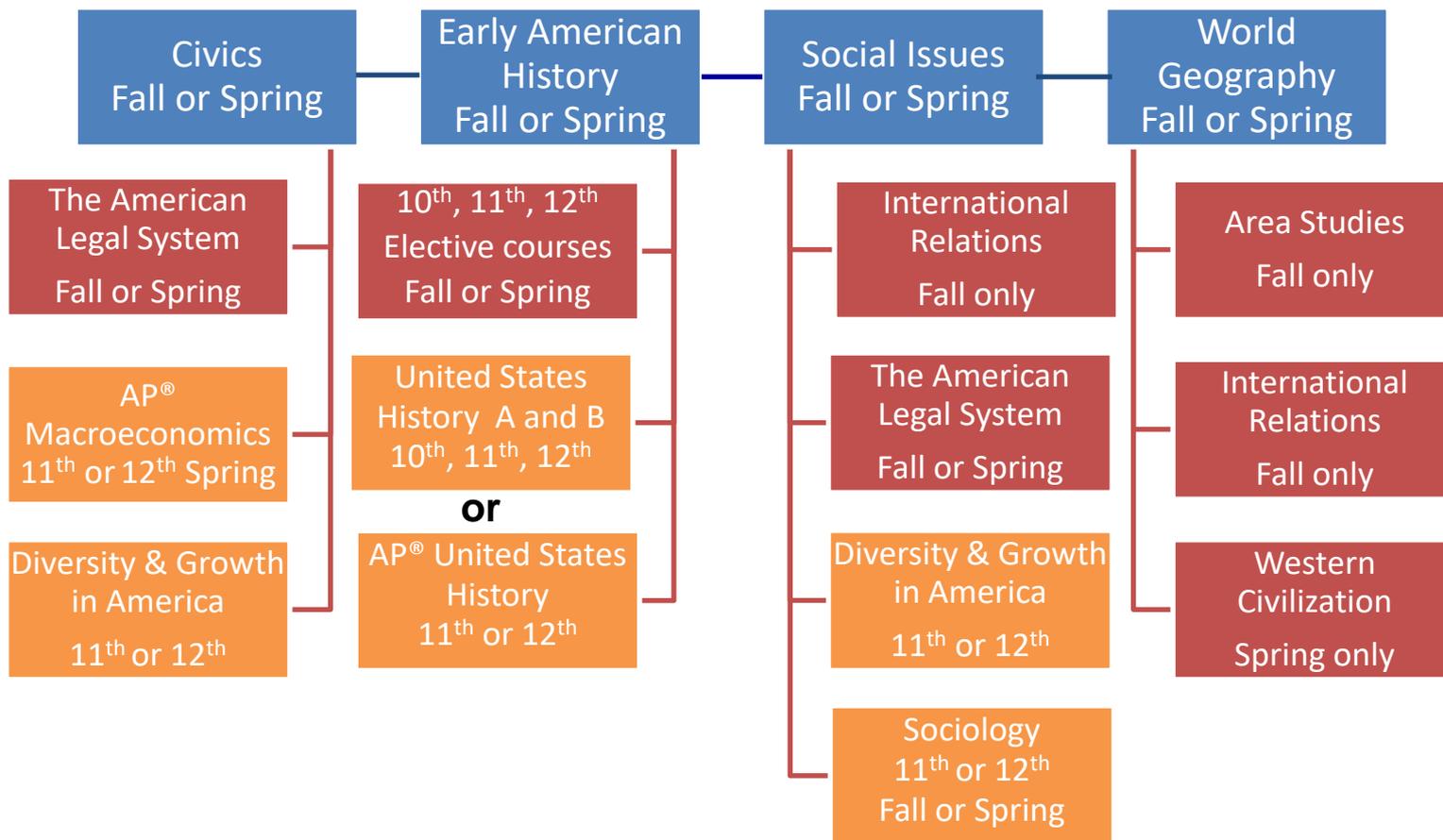
Social Studies Course Offerings

OTHS graduation requirements for social studies:

Five semesters of social studies are required for all students including one semester of **Civics** during the freshman year *or* one semester of **American Government** during either the sophomore, junior, or senior year and two semesters of **United States History** during either the sophomore, junior, or senior years.

Many colleges require **six semesters** of social studies to satisfy admission requirements to their school. There are many interesting elective social studies courses available for students to fulfill OTHS graduation and college admission requirements.

Social Studies Department – Course Sequence Recommendations



9th grade courses

10th, 11th, 12th grade courses

11th, 12th grade courses

12th grade courses

12th grade
Elective Courses
(Fall and Spring)

Social Studies Course Offerings

Freshman Level – 9th Grade

- **Civics¹**
 - ❖ American government.
 - ❖ United States & Illinois Constitutions.
 - ❖ Political parties, voting, & elections.
- **Early American History**
 - ❖ Early American history through the Civil War.
- **Social Issues**
 - ❖ A study of contemporary issues in American society.
- **World Geography**
 - ❖ World Geography will study both physical and human geography concepts of the world.



¹*Civics meets the state mandate for graduation. A student who elects not to take Civics will be required to take American Government either 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.*

Social Studies Course Offerings

Sophomore Level – 10th Grade

- American Civil War and Reconstruction¹
- American Government²
- Area Studies³
- International Relations
- The American Legal System
- United States History A and B⁴
- Western Civilization³



¹*Open to sophomores who successfully earn a grade of an A in Early American History and receives a teacher's recommendation to enroll in the course.*

²*Priority will be given to seniors who need to meet graduation requirements.*

³*May be taken three times as different content is studied in a three year rotation.*

⁴*Prerequisite: Sophomores -- Must have successfully completed at least one social studies course at the 9th grade with a grade of B or greater and have a recommendation(s) from their social studies teacher(s). Students must complete United States History A prior to enrolling in United States History B.*

Social Studies Course Offerings

Junior Level – 11th Grade

- United States History A and B¹
- AP[®] United States History A and B²
- American Civil War and Reconstruction³
- American Government⁴
- Area Studies⁵
- AP[®] Macroeconomics⁶
- Diversity & Growth in America⁷
- International Relations
- Sociology
- The American Legal System
- The Sixties in America⁸
- Western Civilization⁵

¹*Students must complete United States History A prior to enrolling in United States History B.*

²*Prerequisite: Students must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better.*

³*Open to juniors who earned a grade of an A in Early American History or successfully completed both United States History A and B.*

⁴*Priority will be given to seniors who need to meet graduation requirements.*

⁵*May be taken three times as different content is studied in a three year rotation.*

⁶*Prerequisite: Student must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.*

⁷*Prerequisite: Completed or currently enrolled in United States History A or B or AP[®]USH A or B.*

⁸*Students must have earned a passing grade in United States History B (Spring semester).*

Social Studies Course Offerings

Senior Level – 12th Grade

- AP[®] Psychology¹
- AP[®] United States History A and/or B²
- AP[®] Macroeconomics³
- American Civil War and Reconstruction
- American Government⁴
- Area Studies⁵
- Diversity & Growth in America⁶
- International Relations
- Psychology⁷
- Sociology
- The American Legal System
- The Sixties in America⁸
- United States History A and B⁹
- Western Civilization⁵

¹*Students must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Students may elect to enroll for three semester hours of college credit at Southwest Illinois College through the dual credit program.*

²*Prerequisite: Students must have completed U.S. History A and B earning a grade of A both semesters.*

³*Prerequisite: Students must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.*

⁴*Priority will be given to seniors who need to meet graduation requirements.*

⁵*May be taken three times as different content is studied in a three year rotation.*

⁶*Prerequisite: Completed or currently enrolled in United States History A or B or AP[®]USH A or B.*

⁷*Students may elect to enroll for three semester hours of college credit at Southwest Illinois College through the dual credit program.*

⁸*Prerequisite: Students must earn a passing grade in United States History B (Second Semester).*

⁹*Students must complete United States History A prior to enrolling in United States History B.*