

SOCIAL STUDIES

230010 Civics in Global Society

Grade(s): 9 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

AEO

The goal of this course is to provide students with a foundational skill set for understanding global citizenship. Students will investigate how society is organized through various government and social structures, including citizenship, rights, and responsibilities. This course will also integrate geospatial skills to help understand human systems of settlement, population, and migration, and the impact of these systems on societies around the world.

231001-231002 United States History

Grade(s): 10 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 & 2

AEO

This course is an examination of the history of the 20th century United States to the present. The class provides historical, cultural, social, economic, and political context of United States History from the early to mid-twentieth century. Major topics in the first semester will include the Progressive Era, the Industrial Age, the Age of Imperialism, World War I, Isolationism, Women's Suffrage, Prohibition, the Jazz Age, beginnings of the Great Depression, and the outbreak of World War II. Second semester topics include the Cold War, the Red Scare and McCarthyism, the Civil Rights Movement, the Great Society, Vietnam, the Women's Movement, Watergate, the end of the Cold War, and Contemporary America.

231101-231102 AP United States History

Grade(s): 10-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 & 2

Prerequisite: Commitment Agreement required

AP

The AP program in United States History is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses to develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgment and present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively. This course will cover the earliest inhabitants and civilizations in the Americas before colonization through the post-Cold War Era.

231201-231202 International Studies

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 & 2

AEO

This course provides a historical, cultural, social, economic, and political overview of nations and cultures with a focus on how they are interconnected. By studying the history of regions of the world and current world problems, students will analyze information and issues to gain an understanding of the complexities of our modern world. Topics covered in the first semester will include the United Nations, government and economic systems, world religions, conflicts in the Middle East, human rights, terrorism, trade, and current events. Second semester topics include economically developing nations, civil wars and genocide, immigration, environmental issues and current events. This course will fulfill a 1.0 World History credit requirement.

231301-231302 World History

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 & 2

AEO

World History gives a historical, cultural, social and political overview of the rise of complex human societies. The course provides an overview of history beginning with the development of early river civilizations. In the first semester, the era of complex societies from approximately 1,000 BCE through 1450 CE will be examined with an emphasis on developments in religion, philosophy, arts, sciences, technology, and governments. Second semester topics include the transformations of nation states starting in approximately 1450. The interactions among the Americas, Asian, African, and European realms through the twentieth century will be examined and compared to the Contemporary World.

231401-231402 AP World History

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 & 2

Prerequisite: Commitment Agreement required

AP

The purpose of the AP World History course is to develop a greater understanding of the interaction of human societies. This understanding is advanced through a combination of factual knowledge and analytical skills. The course highlights the nature of changes in international frameworks and their causes and consequences, as well as comparisons among major societies. The course builds on an understanding of cultural, institutional, and technological precedents that, along with geography, set the human stage. Historical periods as well as specific themes provide organization to the course, along with the consistent attention to contacts among societies that form the core of world history as a field of study. This course will cover from 8000 B.C. to the present.

231500 American Government and Politics

Grade(s): 12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

AEO

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the functions and organizations of the federal, state, tribal, and local systems of government within the United States. Included in this course will be a look at the

legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. Topics covered will include the United States Constitution, amendment process, electoral process, state government, local government, policy making, and current political issues.

231600 (CITS) American Government and Politics

Prerequisite: Commitment Agreement required

Grade(s): 12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

CITS

This course will provide students with a study of the structure and function of the national government of the United States, as well as state, tribal, and local governments. The course examines the presidency, Congress, and federal courts in function, structure, and powers. This course also analyzes the impact of interest groups, political parties, and the media upon government and elections.

202300 Pathways 2 Teaching: Introduction to Socially Just Education

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 Semester **Term(s):** 1 & 2

CTE, CITS

This course examines teaching as a career and the foundations of our educational system. Students will explore the sociopolitical context related to schools, communities, and teaching while providing an overview of such topics as school culture, diversity, ethnicity, and social realities in American schools. Students will learn research skills by reviewing and analyzing achievement data to generate questions, offer suggestions, and engage in critical dialogue about educational topics.

231700 Economics

Grade(s): 11-12 Seniors will have priority in scheduling. **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

AEO

This course examines decision-making through the lens of microeconomics and macroeconomics. Fundamental principles of scarcity and choice guide students in understanding how economic decisions affect personal finance and business decisions as well as national and global well-being. Students will use and analyze economic data in order to understand such concepts as supply and demand, pricing, and opportunity cost, and comparative advantage.

231800 (CITS) Economics

Prerequisite: Commitment Agreement required

Grade(s): 11-12 Seniors will have priority in scheduling. **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

CITS

This course examines micro- and macroeconomic principles. Microeconomic content includes fundamental economic concepts and principles such as the nature and function of product markets, market failures, and the role of government. Macroeconomic aspects of the course examines the way in which economic performance is measured as well as the impact of various types of policies on economic systems.

231900 Psychology

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

AEO

Psychology is the study of individual human behavior and cognitive processes. Students will examine the different types of psychology and the human mind. Specific topics such as sensation and perception, basic processes of learning, personalities and memory will be explored.

232000 (CITS) General Psychology

Prerequisite: Commitment Agreement required

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

CITS

This course will provide students with an introduction to the scientific study of human behavior: History, Research Methods, research design, sensation and perception, learning, personality adjustment, memory and social psychology. A focus will be on the brain and its structures. Upon completion of the course students will be able to: define psychology, name the basic unit of the nervous system, and state what is specifically designed to do, give examples the principles related to the organization of perception (figure and ground, nearness, similarity, etc), describe various categories of mental disorders found in currently existing in the DSM (anxiety disorders, dissociative disorders, and personality disorders etc.), and describe three different approaches to therapy

232100 Sociology

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

AEO

Sociology is the study of human behavior within and among groups. Topics of study will include socialization, culture, social institutions, gender roles and issues, and an in-depth look at how individuals, groups, and institutions react to, and influence specific social changes and social problems.

232200 (CITS) Sociology

Prerequisite: Commitment Agreement required

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

CITS

This course provides an introduction to sociological concepts and the application of those concepts to achieve a better understanding of social life. Of key importance is to understand how these concepts provide us with a framework with which to view societies and the problems within societies. Social forces impact our lives in powerful ways. It is primarily because of these social forces that we do the things we do. Requirements include a research paper and/or project.

232300 Civil and Criminal Law

CTE

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

This course will help students gain an introductory level of understanding of the American legal system through the study of the criminal and civil justice systems. Units of study will include a historical perspective on the judicial system, case studies, mock trial simulations, and application of law to current issues.

232400 (CITS) Civil & Criminal Law/Introduction to the Criminal Justice System and Related Careers

Prerequisite: Commitment Agreement required

Grade(s): 11-12 **Credit:** .5 per semester **Term(s):** 1 or 2

CITS

This course will help students gain an understanding of our legal system through the study of the civil and criminal justice systems. Students will examine the conflicting values that impact justice systems through case studies and attention to current issues. Units of study will include: History of Law, Criminal Law, Juvenile Law, Civil Law, Mock Trial, Careers in Justice.