

Social Studies Departmental Requirements for Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

In general, recommendation for placement into an Advanced Placement course at Holy Ghost Preparatory School assumes that the student demonstrates a sound work ethic, has not been noted to have issues of lack of academic integrity and possesses interest in the area of concentration. In order to be eligible for an AP class, students must meet the following requirements:

- Departmental minimum GPA requirement of 4.0
- Overall minimum GPA requirement of 4.0
- To maintain an AP approval, students need to pass their Social Studies AP Exam with a score of 3 or higher. A score of 1 or 2 on an AP Exam means that a future AP placement may not be warranted and that student's advancement to the next AP Social Studies course will be re-evaluated.
- To be recommended for multiple AP classes taken during a single class year, students must exemplify the highest of performance standards in class and on previously taken AP exams.
- If recommended for promotion, students are encouraged to start with one Social Studies Advanced Placement course.
- Though rarely employed, the Department reserves the right to make discretionary exceptions.

AP Human Geography- 9th grade

- Superior performance on placement tests and exams
- May possibly "test-in" with a content specific assessment
- Proven writing ability through HSPT scores
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Teacher Approval

AP United States History- 10th grade

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of World History I (Ancient Civilizations) and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Demonstrated writing abilities
- Noted Critical Thinking Skills
- Departmental Approval

AP US Government and Politics: 11th grade

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of standard-level US History and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Departmental Approval

AP Psychology: 11th and 12th grade

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of the current standard-level course and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Departmental Approval

AP Macro and Micro Economics: 12th grade

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on the AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of standard-level US History and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Math proficiency; consistently high performance in current Math class as determined by current Math teacher
- Departmental Approval

AP African American Studies: 12th grade

- Success in a previous Social Studies AP course (B+ or higher) AND success on that AP Exam (3 or higher)
- An A in the 1st Semester of the current standard-level course and an A at the time of placement during the 2nd Semester (A- grades may be considered)
- Department Approval

Social Studies Department Requirements for Rho Kappa Honor Society Eligibility

Students wishing to be considered for induction and participation in HGP's Rho Kappa, the National Social Studies Honor Society, are required to enroll (and complete) 4 years of Social Studies courses and need a 4.0 Departmental GPA and 4.0 overall GPA