

Course Sequence At-A-Glance in Social Studies

Graduation Requirement: 3

Typical SOCIAL STUDIES Sequence

Students take courses based on academic performance, academic needs, graduation requirements, and previous credits earned (.5 = semester course; 1=yearlong course). Please refer to the course descriptions for specific prerequisite requirements.

Grade 9

Course Title	Number of Credits	Prerequisite(s)
American Government and Civics	.5	No
AP American Government and Civics	1	Yes
AP Human Geography	1	Yes

Grade 10

Course Title	Number of Credits	Prerequisite(s)
World History	1	No
AP World History	1	Yes
International Affairs	.5	No
AP Human Geography	1	Yes
Current Issues	.5	No
AP Art History (counts as fine arts credit)	1	Yes

Grade 11

Course Title	Number of Credits	Prerequisite(s)
United States History	1	No
AP United States History	1	Yes
AP European History	1	Yes
International Affairs	.5	No
Current Issues	.5	No
AP Art History (counts as fine arts credit)	1	Yes
Sociology	.5	No
AP Human Geography	1	Yes
US History in Film	.5	No
AP US Government (Upperclassmen)	.5	Yes
AP Comparative Government	.5	Yes
AP Psychology	1.0	Yes
Psychology	1.0	No
Introduction to US Women's Studies	.5	No

Grade 12

Course Title	Number of Credits	Prerequisite(s)
AP US Government (Upperclassmen)	.5	Yes
AP Comparative Government	.5	Yes
AP European History	1	Yes
International Affairs	.5	No
Current Issues	.5	No
AP Art History (counts as fine arts credit)	1	Yes
Sociology	.5	No
AP Human Geography	1	Yes
US History in Film	.5	No
AP Psychology	1.0	Yes
Psychology	1.0	No
Introduction to US Women's Studies	.5	No
Economics	.5	No
AP Micro Economics	.5	No
AP Macro Economics	.5	No

Social Studies Course Descriptions

Course Title: AP U.S. Government And Politics	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Government and politics in the United States: The Constitution; political beliefs and behaviors; political parties, interest groups, and mass media; institutions of national government; public policy; Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.</p> <p>Semester 1 Average \geq 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average \geq 80</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0520001- fall 45.0520002- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 9 th	
Course Title: American Government / Civics	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Political philosophies that influenced the foundations of U.S. government and why countries develop different forms of government globally; U.S. constitutional principles and the branches of government; and factors influencing the political process. Students will construct and evaluate arguments, use documents and other primary source data to analyze point of view and understand and interpret information, and write document-based and comparative analysis essays.</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0570001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 9 th	
Course Title: AP Human Geography	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the Earth's surface.</p> <p>Semester 1 Average \geq 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average \geq 80</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0770001- fall 45.0770002- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 9 th -12 th	
Course Title: World History	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Prehistoric culture, ancient civilizations, classical civilizations, the medieval world, the Age of Exploration, Enlightenment, French Revolution, decline of colonial empires in America, Industrial Revolution, nationalism and imperialism, totalitarianism, WWI, WWII, and the modern world.</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0830001-fall 45.0830002-spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 10 th	

Course Title: AP World History	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Multicultural heritage, Colonial period, American Revolution, Jacksonian Democracy and sectionalism, Civil War and Reconstruction, Triumph of the American Nation, Gilded Age, Progressivism and immigration, Great Depression and New Deal, Labor movement, Civil Rights and women's movement, World Wars I and II, Cold War, and New World Order.</p> <p>Semester 1 Average ≥ 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average > 80 (on-level SS) 70(unweighted AP) OR Identification through AP Potential</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0820001- fall 45.0820002- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s):	
Course Title: United States History	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Colonization, the revolutionary and colonial eras, manifest destiny, Civil War and reconstruction, urbanization and Industrialism, progressive era, imperialism, WWI & WWII, The Cold War, Vietnam, and the Decades of 1950 – 2000.</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0810001- fall 45.0810002- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th	
Course Title: AP United States History	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Multicultural heritage, Colonial period, American Revolution, Jacksonian Democracy and sectionalism, Civil War and Reconstruction, Triumph of the American Nation, Gilded Age, Progressivism and immigration, Great Depression and New Deal, Labor movement, Civil Rights and women's movement, World Wars I and II, Cold War, and New World Order.</p> <p>Semester 1 Average ≥ 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average > 80 (on-level SS) 70(unweighted AP) OR Identification through AP Potential</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0820001- fall 45.0820002- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s):	
Course Title: AP European History	<p>Course Description and Prerequisite(s)</p> <p>Teacher Recommendation</p> <p>Renaissance and Reformation, strong monarchies, age of revolution & Napoleon, Industrial revolution, liberalism and imperialism, unification, World wars I and II and the postwar world era.</p>
Course Number (s): 45.0840001- fall 45.0840002- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th – 12 th	

Course Title: Economics	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) Supply and demand, market forces, money, banking and capital, organization of natural resources, the national economy and global interdependence.
Course Number (s): 45.0610001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 12 th	
Course Title: AP Micro Economics	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) Basic economic concepts; introduction to international economics; introduction to macroeconomics; in-depth study of the nature and functions of product markets (consumer behavior, market costs), Theory of the firm (optional production and pricing) and Resource Markets (wages & profits). Semester 1 Average ≥ 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average > 80 (on-level SS) 70(unweighted AP) OR Identification through AP Potential
Course Number (s): 45.0630001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 12 th	
Course Title: AP Macro Economics	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) Basic economic concepts; introduction to international economics; introduction to microeconomics; in-depth study of national economies including creation of money by commercial banks, measurements of growth, unemployment, inflation, fiscal & monetary policy, and aggregate supply and demand. Semester 1 Average ≥ 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average > 80 (on-level SS) 70(unweighted AP) OR Identification through AP Potential
Course Number (s): 45.0620001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 12 th	
Course Title: Current Issues	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) This course follows the Choices Program from Brown University as it explores various current issues through the platform of student simulations. Some of the topics include genocide, terrorism, immigration reform, the U.S.'s role in the world, international trade, human rights, and current news topics.
Course Number (s): 45.0120001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 10 th -12 th	
Course Title: World Studies	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) Study of history and politics of East Asia including China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan.
Course Number (s): 45.0920001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 10 th -12 th	

Course Title: International Affairs	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) Research and debate of some of the world's most complex problems, the U.N. system, the intricacies of multilateral diplomacy and conflict resolution of issues ranging from nuclear testing and human rights to sustainable development. Prerequisite: Member of Model UN Team
Course Number (s): 45.0910001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 10 th -12 th	
Course Title: Sociology	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) Subcultures; group behavior, social issues; environment and technology; homeless and unemployment; responsibility of dissent; drug abuse and American culture; social response to poverty; prejudice and discrimination.
Course Number (s): 45.0310001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th -12 th	
Course Title: US History in Film	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) The production, distribution, exhibition, and audience and critic viewings of fictional films will be investigated to fully evaluate their roles as historical evidence. A major goal of this course is determining what is valid in contemporary films and historical dramas and what these films say about the people who create them, the politics behind their creation, and how they reflect the values, ideas, and larger historical issues of the times in which they were created. Students in this course will 1) view movies on various topics, 2) participate in inner/outer Socratic seminar discussions, and 3) write essays comparing film evidence to information in more traditional sources, such as articles, textbooks, and critical commentaries.
Course Number (s): 45.0812001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th -12 th	
Course Title: AP Art History	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) "Students discover the diversity in and connections among forms of artistic expression throughout history and from around the globe. Students learn about how people have responded to and communicated their experiences through art making by exploring art in its historic and cultural contexts." - From College Board AP Art History Course Description. Students who are currently signed up for AP World History, World History or have already taken AP World History or World History
Course Number (s): AP Art History	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 10 th -12 th	

Course Title: Intro to US Women's Studies	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) This course is an introduction to the study of women in the United States. Students will explore, through various disciplinary lenses, the culture, history, art, accomplishments, and the march towards societal and political equality as they relate to lives of women in the United States. World History or Teacher Recommendation
Course Number (s): 45.0195001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th -12 th	
Course Title: AP US Government and Politics	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) Elections, political parties, policy- making, government institutions (such as the Presidency, the legislature, and the courts), civil liberties, and globalization. Semester 1 Average ≥ 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average > 80 (on-level SS) 70(unweighted AP) OR Identification through AP Potential
Course Number (s): 45.0520001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th -12 th	
Course Title: AP Comparative Gov. & Politics	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) The fundamental concepts used to study the processes and outcomes of politics in different countries. Global political and economic changes. Politics in six different countries: China, Great Britain, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, and Russia. Semester 1 Average ≥ 80 OR Summative Unit Assessment Average > 80 (on-level SS) 70(unweighted AP) OR Identification through AP Potential
Course Number (s): 45.0530001	
Term: Semester	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th -12 th	
Course Title: AP Psychology	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) This course focuses on the study of human behavior. As an introduction to the field of psychology, this course includes consideration of psychological principles, terminology, major theories, careers, methods of experimentation, and practical applications. Students who are currently signed up for AP World History, World History or have already taken AP World History or World History
Course Number (s): 45.0150001- fall 45.0160001- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th -12 th	
Course Title: Psychology	Course Description and Prerequisite(s) This course focuses on the study of human behavior. As an introduction to the field of psychology, this course includes consideration of psychological principles, terminology, major theories, careers, methods of experimentation, and practical applications.
Course Number (s): 45.0150001- fall 45.0160001- spring	
Term: Year	
Eligible Grade(s): 11 th -12 th	