

# HS Social Studies Course Descriptions

Grade Level: 9th
Subject: United States History (Applied, College Prep, Honors)
Topics Covered In Order: This course will survey US History from 1900 to Present. Among the major topics discussed will be: (1) Review of the major events in American History from 1865-1900; (2) The Age of Expansion; (3) Progressivism; (4) World War I; (5) the Twenties and Thirties; (6) World War II; (7) The Cold War; (8) America since the Cold War.
Resources Used (Textbook, supplemental programs): Prentice Hall United States History: Modern America

Grade Level: 10th
Subject: American Government and Civics (Applied, College Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement)
Topics Covered In Order: An in-depth analysis of the Constitution and the three branches of our Federal Government and their intricate interrelationships is the major focus of this course. The major topics discussed will be: (1) Foundations of American Government including the Revolutionary War, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Constitutional Convention, Constitution, and federalism; (2) Political Behavior including voting rights, voting behavior, political parties, the two-party system, and the electoral process; (3) the Legislative Branch; (4) the Executive Branch; (5) the Judicial Branch
Resources Used (Textbook, supplemental programs): Prentice Hall Magruder's American Government 2009 AP Edition - Government in America: People, Politics and Policy (Fifteenth Edition)

Grade Level: 11th
Subject: Economics (Applied, College Prep, Honors)
Topics Covered In Order: This Introduction to Economics course will place great emphasis on the basic economic problem of scarcity. Additional topics covered in detail include: (1) Business Organizations; (2) Economic Markets; (3) Supply and Demand; (4) Labor Relations; (5) International Monetary Policy; (6) Comparative Economic Systems; (7) Social Problems facing the U.S.A. today.
Resources Used (Textbook, supplemental programs): Prentice Hall Economics

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Grade Level: Elective (9th-12th)
Subject: Psychology (Applied, College Prep, Advanced Placement)
Topics Covered In Order: This course will concern itself with the basic processes of mental processes and human behavior. Major topics will include: (1) Scientific Foundations of Psychology including the scientific method and schools of psychology; (2) Biological basis of psychology; (3) Sensation and perception; (4) Learning and conditioning; (5) Memory, cognition, and intelligence; (6) Human development; (7) Motivation, emotion, stress, and personality; (8) Clinical psychology including psychological disorders and treatments; (9) Social psychology
Resources Used (Textbook, supplemental programs): Myers' Psychology for the AP Course (Third Edition) Teacher created resources

Grade Level: Elective (9th-12th)
Subject: World Geography (Applied, College Prep, Honors)
Topics Covered In Order: World Geography is an elective course offered in the Social Studies Department that incorporates both physical and human geography as well as world cultures and current events. Major units covered will be (1) The five themes of geography; (2) Geography of Europe; (3) Geography of the Middle East and Asia; (4) Geography of Africa and Oceania; (5) Geography of North and South America; (6) World population; (7) Growth and globalization; (8) Sustainability of natural resources
Resources Used (Textbook, supplemental programs): McGraw Hill World History & Geography: Modern Times Teacher created resources

Grade Level: Elective (9th-12th)
Subject: Contemporary American History (College Prep, Honors)
Topics Covered In Order: This course will take an in-depth look at the domestic and foreign policy of the United States from 1945 to the present. Major topics of domestic policy will include (1) McCarthyism; (2) Civil Right's in the 1950's and 1960's; (3) the war on poverty; (4) Stagflation; (5) Reaganomics; (6) Current issues of today. Major topics of foreign policy to be discussed include (7) The Cold War; (8) U.S. involvement in Vietnam; (9) the U.S. and the Middle East (1970-1992); (10) and the role of the U.S. in today's world.
Resources Used (Textbook, supplemental programs): Moving On: The American People Since 1945 (Fifth Edition) Teacher created resources