

# SOCIAL STUDIES

To meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements, students must complete three credits of Social Studies. Students must earn one credit of World History, one credit of US History and Geography, .5 credit of Government, and .5 credit of Economics.

## Course Sequencing – Social Studies

		9	10	11	12
Social Studies	.2	WORLD HISTORY	US HISTORY	Economics Government	MODERN GLOBAL TOPICS
	.3			Psychology Sociology	Psychology Sociology
	.4		Econ/Government IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS	IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS Economics/Government IB PSYCHOLOGY	IB PSYCHOLOGY IB 20 <sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WORLD TOPICS AP WORLD HISTORY

## SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

COURSE TITLE	PREREQUISITE	GRADE LEVEL	SEMESTER OR FULL YEAR	CONTENT
World History SS3200	None	9	Full Year	This course focuses on World History from 300 AD/CE to the present. Satisfactory completion of it meets the MPS and State of Michigan graduation requirement in World History and Geography. It is aligned with the Michigan Social Studies curriculum and with the Michigan Merit Exam.
U.S. History SS4220/B	None	10-12	Full Year	Satisfactory completion of this course meets the MPS and State of Michigan graduation requirement in U.S. History and Geography. It is aligned with the Michigan Merit Exam and concentrates on twentieth century United States history.  B = Blended Rotation at DHS only. See description <a href="#">here</a> .
IB History of the Americas HL H SS4410  <i>Honors</i>	None	10, 11	Full Year	Satisfactory completion of this course meets the MPS and State of Michigan graduation requirement in U.S. History and Geography. This course focuses on the history of the United States in the twentieth century and also includes information on Canada and Latin America during those same years. It is recommended for students with strong academic backgrounds who have a serious interest in the study of history.  <i>This course is the first year of a two year history sequence that is completed with the Twentieth Century World Topics course in the senior year. Students should take this course in their junior year if they are pursuing an IB HL history certificate.</i>
Government SS5240	None	11, 12	Semester	Satisfactory completion of this course meets the MPS and State of Michigan graduation requirement in Government. This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the American system of government as it relates to their rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties as American citizens.
Government H SS5420  <i>Honors</i>	None	11, 12	Semester	Satisfactory completion of this course meets the MPS and State of Michigan graduation requirement in Government. While this course deals with essentially the same content as the regular Government course, it is recommended for students who have a strong academic background and are seriously interested in governmental issues. This course is aligned with the Michigan Merit Exam curriculum. The objectives in this course include many of those for Advanced Placement test in United States Government & Politics. Students wishing to take the AP test may do so.
Economics SS5250/B	None	11, 12	Semester	Satisfactory completion of this course meets the MPS and State of Michigan graduation requirement in Economics. This course is designed to help students understand the organization, operation, and function of the American economy, and to see how our system relates to other economic systems in the world.  B = Blended Enriched Virtual or Rotation at MHS only. See description <a href="#">here</a> .

COURSE TITLE	PREREQUISITE	GRADE LEVEL	SEMESTER OR FULL YEAR	CONTENT
Economics H SS5430/B  <i>Honors</i>	None	11, 12	Semester	Satisfactory completion of this course meets the MPS and State of Michigan graduation requirement in Economics. It is designed to provide analytical skills and factual knowledge of the American economy to students with strong academic backgrounds who have a serious interest in economic matters. The objectives of this course include many of the objectives for the AP tests in Macroeconomics and Microeconomics. Students wishing to take these tests may do so but realize that the test is based on a full year of economics instruction—a semester each of macro & micro—rather than one semester.  B = Blended Enriched Virtual. See description <a href="#">here</a> .
Modern Global Topics SS6200B	None	12	Full Year	The district expectation is that students will attend class face-to-face a minimum of one day per week in a Blended Enriched Virtual Course. This senior year elective will include the study of contemporary issues and events, U.S. history, world history, economics, geography and politics. This course offers opportunities for students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills as students discover, study, debate and critically think about the impact of mainstream and social media, digital and global citizenship and other modern global issues. Students taking this course will engage in an interdisciplinary approach to understanding contemporary issues while learning how to evaluate and synthesize information from multiple sources as informed and engaged global citizens.  B = This course is offered as a Blended Enriched Virtual ONLY. See description <a href="#">here</a> .
Psychology A SS5310/B <i>Accelerated</i>	None	11, 12	Semester	This course is an elective designed to study the principles of psychology – that is, the background and methods of research to determine factors affecting human behavior. Among the units taught are infancy and childhood; physiological psychology; perception; principles of learning; personality; and mental disorders.  B = Blended Enriched Virtual at DHS only. See description <a href="#">here</a> .
IB Psychology SL H SS6470 <i>Honors</i>	None	11, 12	Full Year	This course's curriculum is aligned with the IB standards and assessments are based on IB requirements. Students taking it should be self-motivated and disciplined learners with a high level of interest in the subject. It differs from the .3 semester-long Psychology course in pace, depth, and the number of topics studied. For IB scheduling purposes, this course is SL (standard level) and counts in IB Group 3 (Individuals and Societies) or in Group 6 (The Arts). It can be taken in either the junior or senior year.
Sociology A SS5320/B <i>Accelerated</i>	None	11, 12	Semester	This course is an elective designed to study the forms and function of group life and the effects social groups have on human behavior. Among the units studied are collective behavior; social stratification; culture and socialization; and sex roles and the family.  B = Blended Enriched Virtual. See description <a href="#">here</a> .
IB Twentieth Century World Topics H SS6410 <i>Honors</i>	None	12	Full Year	This course investigates the global perspectives of key events of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century with particular focus on WWI and WWII, internal conflicts (Russian Revolution, for example), the Cold War Era, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. It is offered as an honors level, social studies elective. It can be taken as a standard level (SL) course or as the second part of the two-year higher level (HL) IB history course for students who have taken History of the Americas during their junior year.