

SOCIAL STUDIES

REQUIRED COURSES

GRADE 9

MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY OR
MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY (Honors)

GRADE 10

WORLD HISTORY OR
AP WORLD HISTORY (Honors)

GRADE 11

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
(Must be taken and passed to graduate.)

To fulfill the current graduation requirement in social studies beyond tenth grade, the student must earn one half elective credit in social studies in addition to the state mandated Government course.

ELECTIVES GRADES 11-12

AP U.S. HISTORY **159301/159302**
+AP US HIST
1 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Standing

AP U.S. History emphasizes the changing nature of American society, politics, and economy and the cause and effect relationship between them. The students will learn the majority of significant factual information from reading the course texts and other challenging primary and secondary source materials. Class time is spent examining analytical and interpretive issues in American History--how and why the course of history unfolded as it did and how historical trends continue to influence our country. By the end of the course the students will be familiar with the basic chronology of American History and the landmark events that shaped our present society, understand its principle themes, develop and extend basic geographic knowledge, learn to write clearly and effectively, and analyze, synthesize and evaluate primary and secondary sources. This course is specifically designed for students who will take the Advanced Placement examination in United States history. It will also provide students with in-depth practice in the use of historical documents, historical analysis, and synthesis in historical writing. The course will cover the curriculum suggested by the College Board for the Advanced Placement Test. A weighted grade is given.

AP U.S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS - AP
COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
+AP GOV/COMP **159111/159112**
1 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course is designed to challenge students who are interested in government and who are capable of demanding advanced work. In the first semester, this course studies the history, institutions, branches, functions, electoral processes, and citizens' role of the governments of the local area, the state of Missouri, and the United States. The course includes an emphasis on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship (e.g., community service) as well as a study of the principles and provisions of the Missouri and the United States Constitutions. The Constitution examination(s) and the course must be passed according to Missouri law in order for a student to receive a graduation certificate. The course includes the End of Course Assessment required by the state of Missouri. Students will be prepared for the AP Government examination.

In the second semester, the government of the United States is compared with the government of other industrialized democracies as well as the political systems of Communist states and developing countries. A weighted grade is given.

This course is specifically designed for students who will take the Advanced Placement examination in U.S. Government and Politics and Comparative Politics.

ASIAN CIVILIZATION 1 - Honors **158530**
+ASIAN CIV 1
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will examine East Asian history, geography and culture from ancient times to the modern day. "East Asia" refers specifically to the countries of China, Japan and Korea. The effect these countries had on Asian civilization will be addressed, as well as their impact on world history. Art, philosophy, literature, primary source writings and film will all be utilized to achieve the goal of gaining greater understanding of these countries. Students will be expected to participate in class discussions, read primary sources and research different topics. Students may receive college credit through the University of Missouri – St. Louis. A weighted grade is given.

ASIAN CIVILIZATION 2 - Honors **158540**
+ASIAN CIV 2
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will examine Southeast, South and West Asian history, geography and culture from ancient times to the modern day. The effect the countries from these regions had on Asian civilization will be addressed, as well as their impact on world history. Art, philosophy, literature, primary source writings and film will all be utilized to achieve the goal of gaining greater understanding of these countries. Students will be expected to participate in class discussions, read primary sources and research different topics. Students may

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receive college credit through the University of Missouri – St. Louis. (You may take Asian 2 without taking Asian 1.) A weighted grade is given.

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 159510

+AP HUM GEO
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

AP Human Geography is a college level introductory geography course. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of human geography and apply the geographical framework for the analysis of current world problems, social organization, and environmental issues. The course prepares students for the AP Human Geography exam. A weighted grade is given.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES 157760

CONTMP ISSUE
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will focus on modern issues in all areas of the social studies: political, economic, and social. The students will read from several sources, including a weekly news magazine. Current events will be studied with a historical perspective and projection of future possibilities. Both domestic and international issues will be examined. A large segment of class time will be devoted to discussion. Therefore, classroom participation during discussions will be expected.

CRIME AND THE LAW 157750

CRIME & LAW
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course studies crime in America and how our society deals with those who break its laws. Topics studied will include an examination of civil and criminal law, constitutional law, individual rights, theories of the causes of criminal behavior, the structure and function of the legal system, the examination of the penal system, and the roles of police, attorneys, and judges. The course will introduce landmark decisions, case studies, and guest speakers. This course will provide for individual research.

ECONOMICS 157700

ECONOMICS
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course introduces students to basic economic concepts associated with our free enterprise/capitalistic economy. Basic principles included in the course include scarcity,

production, distribution, consumption, supply/demand, inflation, recession, business, labor, and banking. Students will have the opportunity to learn through independent research and discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES 157820

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1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Standing

Students will explore the development of the environmental movement, its successes and failures, and the reasons for current environmental backlash. Units of study will focus on societal issues that impact wildlife preservation, air and water pollution, land use, population and energy options. Each student will examine and develop an understanding of environmental issues that provide a framework of knowledge into which they can integrate global information for a lifetime of continuous learning.

HISTORY OF ST. LOUIS 157350

HIS ST LOUIS
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will provide an overview of the unique and diverse history of St. Louis. Students will follow the course of development of this small 18th century trading post as it expands into a major metropolis at the turn of the 20th century, and culminate with an examination of the city as it now exists. The course will discuss individuals who were important to the development of the city, but will emphasize the significant contributions (e.g., architecture, music, and art) of the culturally diverse people who have made the city of St. Louis what it is today. The course will culminate with students examining and debating contemporary, as well as future issues that face our community.

HUMANITIES 1 - Honors 158730

+HUMNTIES 1
1/2 Social Studies Credit
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This challenging course traces the course of western civilization from ancient times through the Renaissance. The course highlights a changing view of life through the centuries and highlights important events in the search for meaning in life. The student is given the opportunity to examine the art, architecture, science, music and writings of various periods of history. To help the student understand he/she is in the tradition of western man, the student uses records, slides, films, discussions, guest speakers, readings, trips to various points of interest, and independent research. Emphasis is also placed on the basic skills of how to write

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exams and papers. Students may receive college credit for this course. A weighted grade is given.

HUMANITIES 2 - Honors **158740**

+HUMNTIES 2

1/2 Social Studies Credit

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This challenging course traces the course of western civilization from the Renaissance to the present. It continues the examination of art, architecture, music, literature, philosophy, science, and politics that began in the first semester. The method of study is the same. Students may receive college credit for this course. A weighted grade is given.

MEDIA IN AMERICA **157370**

MEDIA&AMER

1/2 Social Studies Credit

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will examine the role of various types of media such as print, film, cinema, radio, television, newspapers, news magazines, campaign ads and the Internet in shaping American culture and history. The changing media and changing role of the influence of the media will be examined related to significant topics, periods and events in history such as the role of colonial news in the American Revolution, enticing people to move west, stating the north/south case at the time of the Civil War, building the west, influencing views during war, as well as shaping today's issues and events in our own nation and abroad.

MODERN WARFARE **157830**

MRDN WARFARE

1/2 Social Studies Credit

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will take a look at some very important questions concerning the origins of war as well as the study of World War I and World War II, the Cold War conflicts, the Gulf War, and the War on Terrorism. Students will confront and discuss tough questions such as "Is war part of human nature?" "What reasons (if any) justify the use of war?" "What limits should be used in waging war?" and "Can there ever be an end to warfare altogether?" An in-depth look into the military history of our past century will challenge students to evaluate how war fits into our future world.

SOCIOLOGY **157790**

SOCIOLOGY

1/2 Social Studies Credit

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

Sociology is the study of human behavior in groups which range from two people to societies of millions of people. Students gain an understanding of important sociological concepts such as culture, socialization, status, role, and group dynamics. Students will use the tools and techniques of sociology, along with audiovisuals, group discussions, and simulations to investigate and analyze human relationships. This course is also available as a completely virtual/online course. Students who are interested should contact their counselor regarding the process for enrolling in an online course.

ELECTIVES **GRADE 12**

PSYCHOLOGY **157800**

PSYCHOLOGY

1/2 Social Studies Credit

Prerequisite: Senior standing

Psychology introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental process of human beings. Psychology is a behavioral science, which studies the individual's personality, emotions, intelligence, interactions, creativity and motivation. Topics include an introduction to the field, experimental method, sensation, perception, learning, personality, memory and thinking, abnormal psychology, states of consciousness and psychological therapy.

AP PSYCHOLOGY **159801/159802**

+AP PSYCHOLO

1 Social Studies Credit

Prerequisite: Senior standing only

AP Psychology introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental process of human beings. Students will be exposed to psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They will also learn about the methods psychologists use to explore the process involved in normal and abnormal perceptions, thoughts, feelings, and actions. This course is designed to prepare students for the AP exam. A weighted grade is given.