

### General Course Information

<b>Course Name:</b> Explorations in Social Studies	
Department: Social Studies	Grade Level(s): 10,11,12
Duration/Credits: 1 sem / .5 credit	Prerequisites: none
BOE Approval Date:	Course Code:
<b>Course Description:</b>	
Explorations in Social Studies is a research-based course that features maximum student choice in learning. Working within an organized framework students will explore interest-based, self-directed inquiry centered on various social studies topics. See your current social studies teacher for specific topics of inquiry. Examples of possible topics may include, but are not limited to military history, sports and culture, women's studies, and St. Louis History.	
<b>Course Rationale:</b>	
In order to investigate and draw conclusions about their world, students need to learn how to access, evaluate, and synthesize source evidence. Explorations in Social Studies supports the development of these key life skills.	
<b>Course Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The student will develop questions, plan, and complete inquiries consistent with practice in the field of Social Studies. (A+ Research)</li><li>• The student will identify, read and analyze appropriate resources for investigating Social Studies topics. (A+ Reading)</li><li>• The student will write formally and informally on a regular basis. (A+ Writing)</li><li>• The student will engage with peers and the instructor in discussions and presentations. (A+ Speaking and Listening)</li></ul>	