

General Course Information

Course Name: Modern America	
Department: Social Studies	Grade Level(s): 11th,12th / Elective
Duration/Credits: 1 sem/ .5 credit	Prerequisites:
BOE Approval Date:	Course Code: 1365
Course Description:	
<p>In Modern America, students will examine the impact of domestic, economic, social, and foreign policy issues Post World War II to the present. Students will discuss and debate the major events and historical trends that impact our world today: the origins of the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, current Middle Eastern issues, the social history of Post World War II America and the impact that domestic policy, economic decisions and technological advancements have had on our country.</p>	
Course Rationale:	
<p>Students in the Modern America course will understand current issues are rooted in past events. The ability to analyze and debate these issues and events are essential skills.</p>	
Course Objectives:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student will evaluate the historical significance of the events that led to the origins of the Cold War and its influence on future foreign policy decisions.2. The student will read primary and secondary sources to identify and explain origins and results of the major post World War II conflicts. (A+ Reading).3. The student will identify, research, and analyze political, social, and economic issues. (A+ Research)4. The student will discuss and analyze the origins and historical trends of the Civil Rights movement and its influence on modern minority issues (A+: Speaking)5. The student will analyze contemporary issues and relate the issues to their historical roots in written assessments (A+: Writing)	