

All students in the Hempfield School District experience the past in order to understand the present and prepare for the future alongside their teachers in the Social Studies Department!

All social studies courses throughout the K-12 curriculum emphasize the importance of being a valued member and active participant within ever-changing global society. Through this vibrant, rigorous, and authentic curriculum, students will have the exciting opportunity to study the world in which they live in: beginning with themselves and their families, to understanding cultures all over the globe!

In middle school, students begin to explore Ancient and early American History, and are also introduced to the physical and political geography of the various regions studied within the courses. Numerous multimedia materials, various reading texts, and several writing opportunities are used to provide students with authentic experiences while analyzing the past and its significance to the present.

The high school curriculum provides students with the opportunity to continue their survey of American History, World History, Government & Economics, and a Global America. Students also have the opportunity to explore numerous specialized topics within the social studies curriculum via our exciting new electives which are designed to nurture students' passions and provide opportunities for career exploration.

Upon concluding their studies within the social studies department, all students within the Hempfield School District will have the foundational knowledge to continue to be life-long learners and contributing citizens in all aspects of their lives.

We look forward to joining our students in their exploration of Social Studies!



"Geography has made us neighbors.
History has made us friends.
Economics has made us partners,
and necessity has made us
allies."

Social Studies Course Sequence
Gr. 9-12

Course Strands	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Foundations	Foundations of American History 9	Foundations of World History 10	Foundations of Government and Economics	Foundations of Global America
			Government and Economics	Global America
College Prep	American History 9 - CP	World History 10 - CP	Government and Economics - CP	Global America - CP
Honors	American History 9 - Honors	World History 10 - Honors	Government and Economics - Honors	Micro-Economics - AP or Macro-Econ AP or Comparative Government - AP or Human Geography AP
AP	U.S. History - AP	World History - AP	U.S. Government and Politics - AP	

Hempfield High School Social Studies Department



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Required Courses

All students must pass the following courses prior to high school graduation:

- American History
- World History
- Government and Economics
- Global America

These full-semester, history, government, and economics courses

Students are required to take four credits of social studies in high school and have the opportunity to take various electives in the social sciences.

The social studies department offers Advanced Placement opportunities for students in grades 9 through 12 which meet the requirement for the corresponding grade level course but can be taken as electives.

AP US History: 9th

AP World History Modern: 10th

AP US Government: 11th

AP Comparative Gov: 12th

AP Microeconomics: 12th

AP Macroeconomics: 12th

AP Human Geography: 12th

Social Studies Department Electives

The table below shows which grades these electives are available to students. Electives do not fulfill the Social Studies credits for graduation unless noted

(See the course selection guide for detailed descriptions of each course)

Course (credits)	9	10	11	12
Pennsylvania and Lancaster County	x	x	x	x
Rights and Events in a Modern World	x	x	x	x
Criminal Justice (.5)	x	x	x	x
Principles of American Law			x	x
Psychology CP		x	x	x
AP Psychology		x	x	x
AP Human Geography		x	x	x
AP US History	x	x	x	x
AP World History: Modern		x	x	x
AP US Government and Politics			x	x
AP Comparative Government				x
AP Micro-Economics AP Macro-Economics				x