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Curriculum Information for Parents and Community

Social Studies Department

The secondary Social Studies department in Upper Merion instructs students in history, geography, government, and economics. Students investigate primary and secondary sources, as well as visuals and multimedia in the course of their studies.

Ninth Grade
World Cultures is our ninth-grade social studies course. Continental regions across the globe are analyzed through the 7 Elements of Culture: social organization, costumes and traditions, language, arts and literature, religion, economic systems, and government.

Tenth Grade
World History provides the framework for our tenth-grade social studies course. In tenth grade, students have the choice to select the College Prep or an Advanced Placement level of World History. Units of study include: the formation of nation-states and trade, empires and transoceanic exploration, revolutions and industrialization, global conflict and decolonization. This global history course begins c. 1200 and goes through modern times.

Eleventh Grade
American Cultures - College Prep or Advanced Placement United States History are the options in 11th-grade social studies. This traditional American History survey course covers c. 1491 to the present through political, social, cultural, and economic lenses. Students analyze texts, visual sources, and other historical evidence and write essays expressing historical arguments.

Twelfth Grade
In their senior year, students must complete one semester of social studies. Their choices are: Government, Economics, Psychology, African American Studies, or Women's Studies.

Students need successful completion of 3.5 years of high school Social Studies in order to meet graduation requirements.

To see our full Program of Studies, look here:
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