
SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT COURSES

2025-2026



SOCIAL SCIENCE MANDATORY PATH (9-12)

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
No Requirement	World History	United States History	Government & Economics
*elective options recommended (AP Human Geography, World Cultures or Ethnic Studies)	Or AP World History	Or AP United States History	Or AP Government & AP Economics

*A SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE IS NOT REQUIRED AS A 9TH GRADER BUT IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR STUDENT TAKE AN A-G COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE. STUDENTS WHO CONTINUE TO PRACTICE READING AND WRITING ACADEMICALLY ARE OFTEN BETTER PREPARED FOR AND COMPETITIVE IN THEIR MANDATORY SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS AND COLLEGE

SOCIAL SCIENCE A-G ELECTIVES

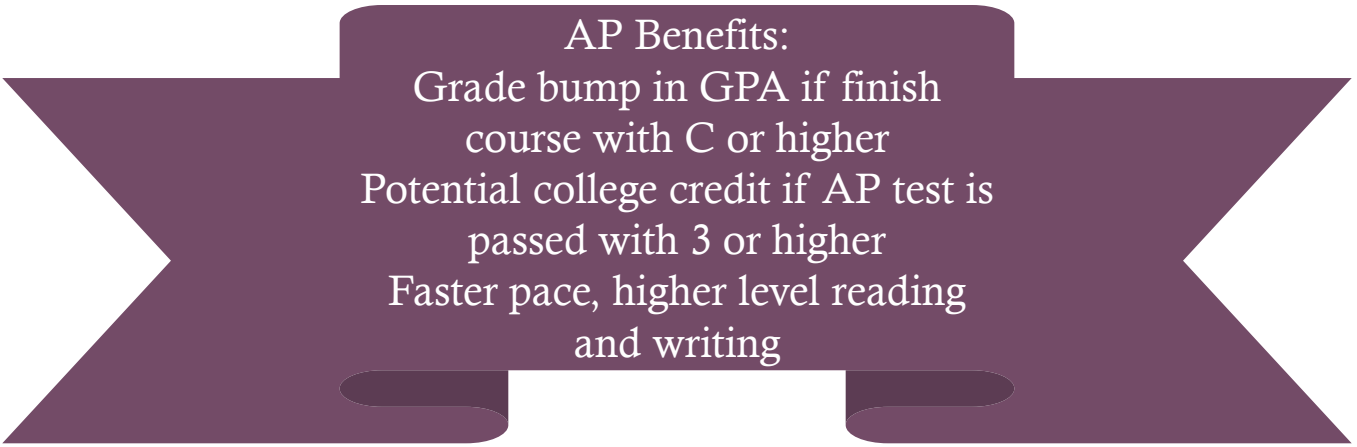
College Prep A-G Electives	Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
Ethnic Studies (9-12) World Cultures (9-12) Sociology (10-12) Psychology in the Society (10-12) Women Studies (10-12) African American Studies (10-12) History of WWII (11-12) History of American Popular Music (11-12)	AP Human Geography (9-12) AP World History (10-12)* AP European History (10-12) AP Psychology (11-12) AP United States History (11-12)* AP African American Studies (11-12) AP Seminar (10-12) ** AP Research (11-12) *** AP Economics (semester) AP Government (semester)

*NOTICE AP WORLD AND AP US CAN BE TAKEN AS AN ELECTIVE AFTER REGULAR WORLD OR US IS TAKEN

**PREREQUISITE: TAKEN AT LEAST ONE AP COURSE IN 9TH OR 10TH GRADE CONCURRENTLY (RECOMMENDED)

***PREREQUISITE: AP SEMINAR

IS YOUR STUDENT READY? AP EXPECTATIONS:



AP Benefits:
Grade bump in GPA if finish
course with C or higher
Potential college credit if AP test is
passed with 3 or higher
Faster pace, higher level reading
and writing

- All AP students are expected to read and write at a college level
 - These courses are faster pace curriculum which ends with a global exam in May.
 - All AP students should be prepared to spend around an hour a night studying/reading/working per AP course. **This is a total of 5 hours a week per course if student is working at grade level.**
 - Attendance is of utmost importance in an AP course
 - AP classes are not for everyone; we have a variety of college-prep based electives if your student is not quite ready for the challenge of an AP course. Feel free to reach out to individual teachers with questions.
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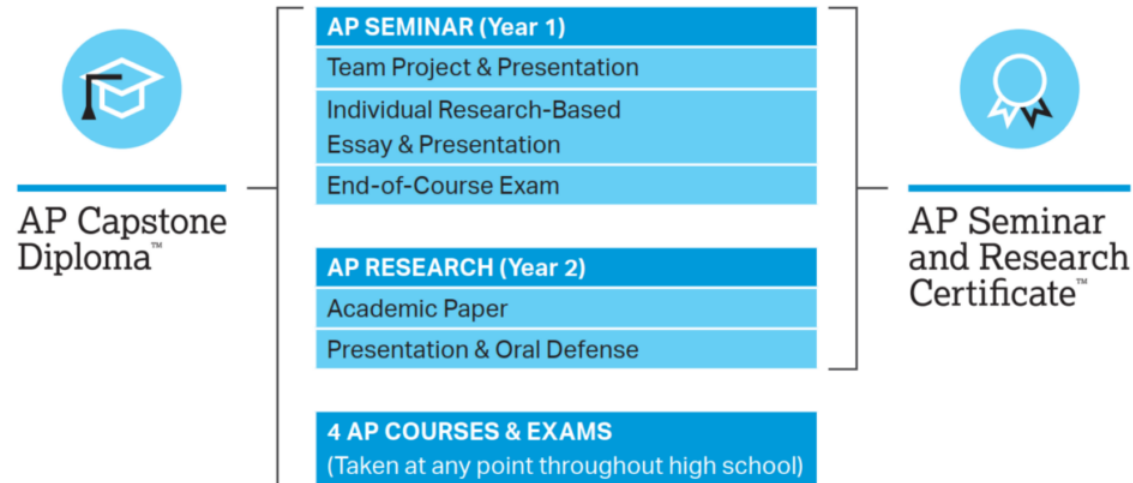
SOCIAL SCIENCE SPECIAL HONORS AVAILABLE:

1. AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM (COMPLETE ALL)

- A. AP SEMINAR: SCORE 3 OR HIGHER
- B. AP RESEARCH: SCORE 3 OR HIGHER
- C. PASS 4 ADDITIONAL AP EXAMS WITH A 3 OR HIGHER

2. AP SEMINAR AND RESEARCH CERTIFICATE

- A. AP SEMINAR: SCORE 3 OR HIGHER
- B. AP RESEARCH: SCORE 3 OR HIGHER



SOCIAL SCIENCE SPECIAL HONORS AVAILABLE: STATE SEAL OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



EARN THE CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON THEIR DIPLOMA



REQUIREMENTS:

20 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SIMILAR CAUSE (CAN
USE THE 15 ALREADY REQUIRED IN GOV/ECON)

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM SUPERVISOR

TIMECARD SHOWING HOURS

REFLECTIVE ESSAY

ALL PAPERS ARE DUE BEFORE MARCH BREAK
OF SENIOR YEAR

IF SUBMITTED BEFORE NOVEMBER THIS CAN
BE PUT ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

