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Recommended Course Plan	Required Core Social Studies Courses	Government and Social Sciences Pathway	Occupations Related to this Pathway
<p>4 years English Language Arts            4 years Social Studies            4 years Science            4 years Mathematics            4 years World Languages            4 years Physical Education/Health            1 year Visual/Media/Performing Arts            1 year Business/Practical Arts            1 Semester Financial Literacy            Freshman Advisory</p> <p>Note: The career pathways are suggested courses based on career interest. Students are not locked into one pathway and may select any course as long as they have met all co-requisites and prerequisites.</p>	<p>World History (9)              US History I (10)              US History II (11)            AP US History II</p>	<p>(9,10,11,12)            Business and Personal Law            Effective Communication            Honors Community Problem Solving            Honors Future Problem Solving            Student Government Assoc. (Option 2)            Mindfulness, Wellness and Resilience</p> <p></p> <p>(10,11,12)            The Big History Project            Economics for 21<sup>st</sup> Century</p> <p></p> <p>(11,12)            AP Art History            AP Economics            AP Government and Politics            AP Psychology            Contemporary Issues            Education as a Career            Film: Historical Perspectives            Honors Sociology            Practical Psychology            Racism, Genocide, and the Holocaust            French, Mandarin, Spanish Level 5/AP (5 credits)</p> <p></p> <p>AP European History (12)</p>	<p>Assistant Deputy or Chief of Staff, Cabinet Level Secretary, Commissioner (County, Parish, City), Commissioner (State Agency), Congressional Aide, Governor Legislative Aide, Legislative Assistant, Lieutenant Governor, Lobbyist, Mayor Policy Advisor, President Representative (Fed/State), Senator (Fed/State), Specialist Vice President, lawyer, educator, human relations, social worker, psychologist, public relations manager</p>

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## Authentic Real-life Experiences

Mahwah High School offers a variety of co-curricular opportunities to students to expand their knowledge and understanding outside of the academic classroom. Government and Social Sciences Pathway students will have the opportunity to participate in unique project-based learning opportunities that develop problem solving, technical, and teamwork skills.

### Co-curricular Opportunities

#### Academic Decathlon

The Academic Decathlon® is a team competition wherein students match their intellects with those of students from other schools. Students are tested in ten categories: Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science, and Speech.

#### Asian American Awareness Club

If you are interested in advocating for your Asian American peers, learning about and experiencing Asian Culture, or getting involved in fundraising for active change, this club might be perfect for you. This club's goal is to spend meetings planning/hosting fundraisers, learning about different cultures, making posters, talking about current events, and eating snacks.

#### Club of Cultural Appreciation

This club's goal is to create a safe environment where students from different ethnicities and backgrounds can share their experiences, cultures, and traditions with one another.

#### Current Events Club

The Current Events Club provides an open and welcoming environment in which students can share and discuss events that are of interest to them. Topics raised can range from the political and international to celebrity news or science.

#### Girls Learn International

During chapter meetings, students use an extensive curriculum developed by GLI to learn about issues dealing with human rights and girls' education. The GLI curriculum is specifically designed to guide participants in developing critical thinking, problem solving, and advocacy skills essential to effective leadership.

#### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. The Habitat for Humanity Club at MHS is a service club that reaches out to the Mahwah community. They raise awareness for the Habitat for Humanity organization by doing service projects. Service projects that we have participated in include shoveling snow for senior citizens, tutoring elementary students, volunteering for the Betsy Ross walkathon and implementing a training program for the Miles for Marcus Run.

#### INTERACT Rotary Club

Interact clubs bring together young people to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of *Service Above Self*. Interact members connect with leaders in the community to take action to make a difference in their school and community, discover new cultures and promote international understanding, and become leaders in their school and community

#### LEO Club

Leo club encourages youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. We participate in all sorts of community service projects from soup kitchens to homeless shelters, Special Olympics, and Habitat for Humanity, etc.

**Mock Trial**

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Mock Trial Competition is made possible by a network of support and cooperation from New Jersey's 21 County Bar Associations. County bar volunteers coordinate trials at the local levels and devote countless hours each year to bring this exciting educational program to students throughout the state. Volunteer attorneys from the counties will assist you and your team in preparing for the competition. This program is made possible through funding from the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.

**Model UN**

Bridging the Education Gap and Creating Global Citizens, Model United Nations is an authentic simulation of the UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, or other multilateral body, which introduce students to the world of diplomacy, negotiation, and decision making.

**Student Government Association**

The Student Government Association is here to serve the students of Mahwah High School through the communication between students and the community providing educational and social events, and offering services that contribute to the advancement of the high school and its students.

The SGA consists of student leaders and their faculty advisers in five governing bodies:

*Class Advisers*

*SGA Executive Board*

*Officers Council*

*Government Representatives*

*Activities Council*

**Young Politicians Club**

The Young Politicians Club seeks those who are interested in politics, government, law, philosophy, economics, and finance. The Young Politicians Club is a service-learning movement composed of young Americans working together to revive political discourse and awareness by establishing nonpartisan civics.

