SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE SEQUENCE

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Academic	Health Seminar	World History	U.S. History	U.S. Government & Economics
Model United Nations	Cultural Geography MUN	World History MUN H	U.S. History MUN H	U.S. Govt. MUN H Economics MUN H Global Politics IB SL
AP Advanced Placement		AP World History:Modern AP European History	AP U.S. History	AP World History AP U.S. History AP Government AP Macro/Microeconomics
IB International Baccalaureate				Global Politics IB SL Economics IB SL
Electives	Social Media Marketing	Social Media Marketing	Psychology / Sociology Intro to Law / Fundamentals of Business American Civil War / WorldWar II Social Media Marketing Intro to Forensic Psychology	Psychology / Sociology Intro to Law / Fundamentals of Business American Civil War / WorldWar II Social Media Marketing Intro to Forensic Psychology
Electives Honors		Modern & Contemporary Art H	Modern & Contemporary Art Honors	Modern & Contemporary Art Honors
Electives AP*		AP Art History	AP Psychology AP Art History	AP Psychology AP Art History
Electives IB*			Business ManagementIB HL 1	Business ManagementIB HL2

***Prerequisite Policy to move from Academic or MUN to Honors classes:**

Requires an "A" (92% or higher) both semesters. Please see each class for details. Also highly recommended to attend one of the information sessions for advancement.

Advancing within Honors:

Must have a B (82%) or higher both semesters; please see each class for details.

AP AND IB COURSES

All students enrolled in AP or IB classes are required to take the corresponding exam. Students may only sit for the exams if they are registered in the class at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. We do not allow students to challenge other exams. There are fees associated with both AP and IB classes.

AP FEES

AP exams are $110 per exam

IB FULL DIPLOMA

Program Fee $500
Test fee - $124 per test

IB COURSE CANDIDATES (subject to change)

Program Fee—$100 for one course, and $50 for each additional course to maximum of $250
Activity fee— $50
Test Fee—$124 per test

SMCHS Model United Nations (MUN)

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

What is MUN?

MUN stands for Model United Nations. Students travel to other schools in Orange County, California, the US, and overseas to compete in academic competitions. These competitions are simulations of the United Nations, and the students play the role of delegates representing countries from all over the world. These competitions are one to three days in length and are held on the weekends. The MUN program is integrated into the Social Studies curriculum for those students who are interested in this unique experience. Students must take Cultural Geography / Model United Nations their freshman year to be involved with the MUN program.







Why join?

Benefits of MUN Participation:

- **Enhance Your Communication Skills**: Engage in passionate debates, articulate your ideas, and master the art of public speaking. MUN hones your communication skills like no other activity.
- **Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving**: Dive deep into complex global challenges. Learn to analyze situations, propose solutions, and develop a critical mindset that will serve you well in academics and beyond.
- **Global Awareness**: Expand your horizons by delving into international affairs. Gain a deep understanding of global issues, geopolitics, and different cultures.
- **Leadership Development**: MUN empowers you to take charge, build consensus, and lead teams. These leadership skills are invaluable for your future endeavors.
- **Networking**: Connect with like-minded students from around the world. MUN conferences provide opportunities to build lasting friendships and professional networks.
- **College & Career Advantage**: Colleges and universities highly value MUN experience. It's an impressive addition to your resume and can open doors to scholarships and prestigious institutions.
- **Travel Opportunities**: As someone who enjoys traveling, MUN allows you to explore new cities and countries while participating in conferences. Combine your passion for travel with meaningful learning experiences.
- **Make a Difference**: Feel the satisfaction of advocating for change. MUN provides a platform to address global issues and make a positive impact on the world.
- Whether you aspire to be a diplomat, a CEO, or an advocate for change, Model United Nations equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the global arena.

What's the commitment?

- Freshman Cultural Geography / Model United Nations is a yearlong course taken instead of the Freshman Health Seminar class.
- **MUN students need to take Health class either during the summer or as an elective.**
  - You should not take the Health class unless you are 100% certain you will stay in the MUN class for the entire year.
- Students are required to attend four weekend conferences.
- MUN is a four-year program.
  While students are not required to be in the program all four years, you may not join unless you have taken Cultural Geography / MUN.
- There is a $500 yearly program fee to participate in MUN.



Can you handle the challenge?
We hope so! If you have questions about Cultural Geography / Model United Nations please feel free to email the MUN director Mr. John Remmell: remmellj@smhs.org

Visit the website at: http://www.smhs.org/mun





