

# SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

<b>WORLD HISTORY/CULTURE</b>	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ( )	CSU ( ) UC (X*)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
<p>This course examines major turning points in the shaping of the modern world from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to present. The year begins with an introduction to tracing the history of democracy and continues with a focus on the expansion of the Western World and the growing interdependence of all people and cultures throughout the world. Students will be encouraged to gain a better awareness of their democratic understanding, civic values, cultural understanding, and social participation during the year.</p> <p><b>SH (Sheltered) sections include similar content, but use more visual methodologies to assist students with limited English.</b></p> <p><b>* “P” and “H” levels meet college requirements admission</b></p>			
GRADE: 10		LENGTH: 1 Year	
<b>UNITED STATES HISTORY (AP AND COLLEGE PREP)</b>	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ( )	CSU (X*) UC (X*)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
<p>The origins of our nation and the evolutionary growth of democracy are examined during the first quarter. The remainder of this course focuses on major turning points in American history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century as they reflect continuity and change from our nation’s beginning. Different strategies are used to examine literature, primary sources and visual materials to gain a better understanding of the United States today.</p> <p><b>SH (Sheltered) sections available for limited English proficient students.</b></p> <p><b>* “P” and “H”, and “AP” levels meet college admission requirements.</b></p>			
GRADE: 11		LENGTH: 1 Year	

<b>ECONOMICS</b>	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ( )	CSU (X*) UC (X*)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
<p>This course is designed to help students increase their understanding of the economic problems and institutions of the nation and the world in which they live. Economics is regarded as a social science, which will assist in the enrichment of students' understanding of the operations and institutions of economic systems, This will be accomplished through the understanding of scarcity and its consequences, specialization and exchange, decision making, marginal analysis, the market and price as mechanism to allocate resources, the labor market, macroeconomic data, and government economic policy.</p> <p><b>SH (Sheltered) sections include similar content, but use more visual methodologies to assist students with limited English.</b></p> <p><b>* "P" and "H" levels meet college requirements admission</b></p>			
GRADE: 12		LENGTH: 1 Semester	
<b>GOVERNMENT (AP AND COLLEGE PREP)</b>	REQUIRED (X) ELECTIVE ( )	CSU (X*) UC (X*)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: U.S. History			
<p>This course is concerned with the nature of government in general, the American political system in particular, and its development over the past 200+ years with a special focus on its workings in the last several decades. With this foundation students compare different systems in this ever-changing world. Students examine in detail the principle purpose and institutions through which the political system functions, and the public policies which these institutions establish, preparing them to participate in civic responsibilities, community activities and voting. *"P" and "AP" levels meet the college entrance requirement.</p>			
GRADE: 12		LENGTH: 1 Semester	

<b>PSYCHOLOGY FOR LIVING</b>	REQUIRED ( ) ELECTIVE (X)	CSU ( ) UC ( )	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
This is an elective course for students of all ability levels. First, using a basic text and supplementary materials, students are introduced to the basic concepts of human development and behavior. Second, through discussion sessions and interactive activities, a wide variety of issues confronting young adults are explored, experiences shared, and alternatives suggested. This course may not be offered every semester. LINK: Social Progress.			
GRADES: 9, 10, 11, 12		LENGTH: 1 Semester	
<b>SOCIAL PROGRESS IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY</b>	REQUIRED ( ) ELECTIVE (X)	CSU ( ) UC ( )	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: None			
This course is a cross-curricular examination of social and cultural factors influencing the individual in a diverse American society. This thematic, action-oriented approach is developed from aspects of history, sociology, psychology and literature. This course will examine minority and majority groupings as well as power and identity struggles in a pluralistic society. Above all, the course aims to promote tolerance and appreciation for the diversity existing today in our society. LINK: Psychology for living.			
GRADES: 10, 11, 12		LENGTH: 1 Semester	
<b>AP EUROPEAN HISTORY</b>	REQUIRED ( ) ELECTIVE (X)	CSU (X) UC (X)	LAB FEE: None
PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of honors World History, A.P., U.S. History, or teacher recommendation			
This course will deal with varied political, intellectual and socioeconomic themes. The course of study is designed to familiarize students with interrelationships of these themes from Renaissance through the 1990's. It will include studies of the modern nation state in political and diplomatic history, and the trends in art literature and music when dealing with intellectual and cultural history. Demographics and the influence of social classes, economics, and the role of industrialization will be considered. The course will contain activities and assignments designed to build students' skills and confidence for the national examination.			
GRADES: 10, 11, 12		LENGTH: 1 Year	

