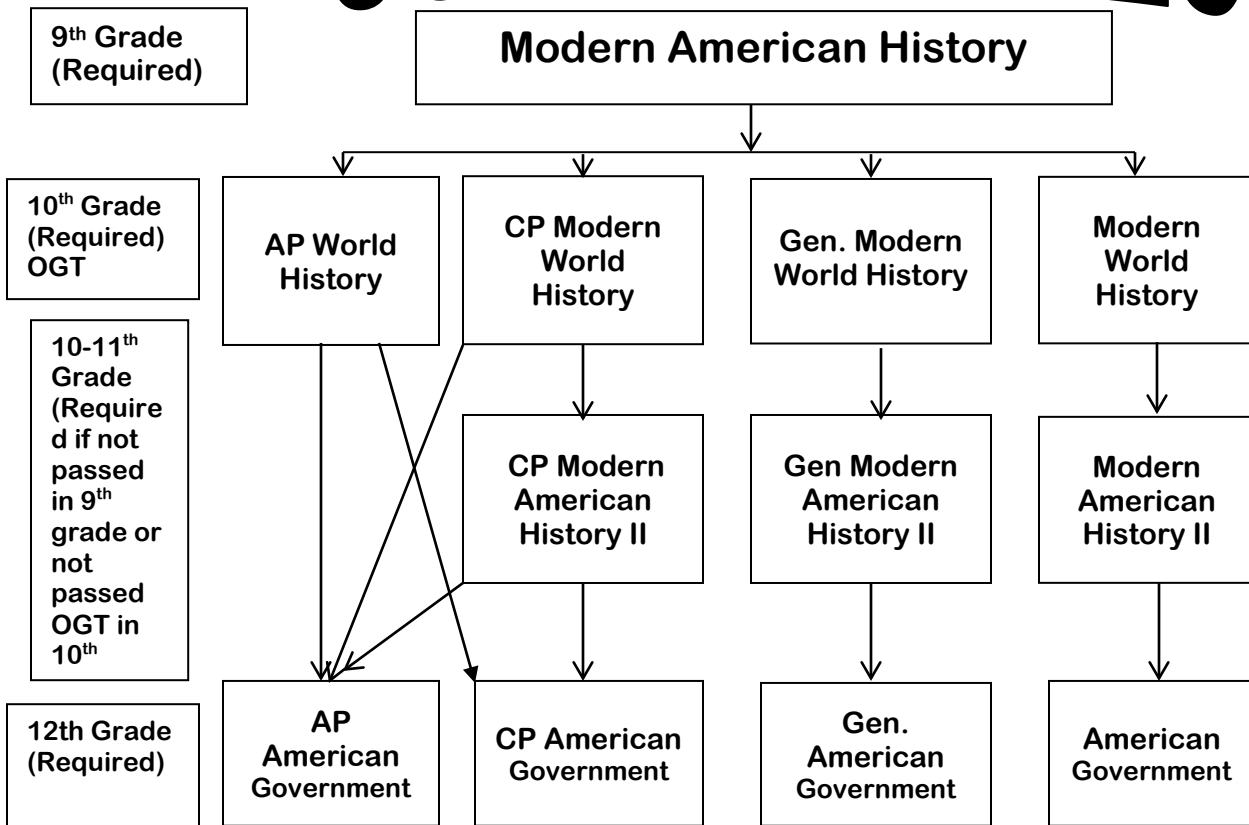
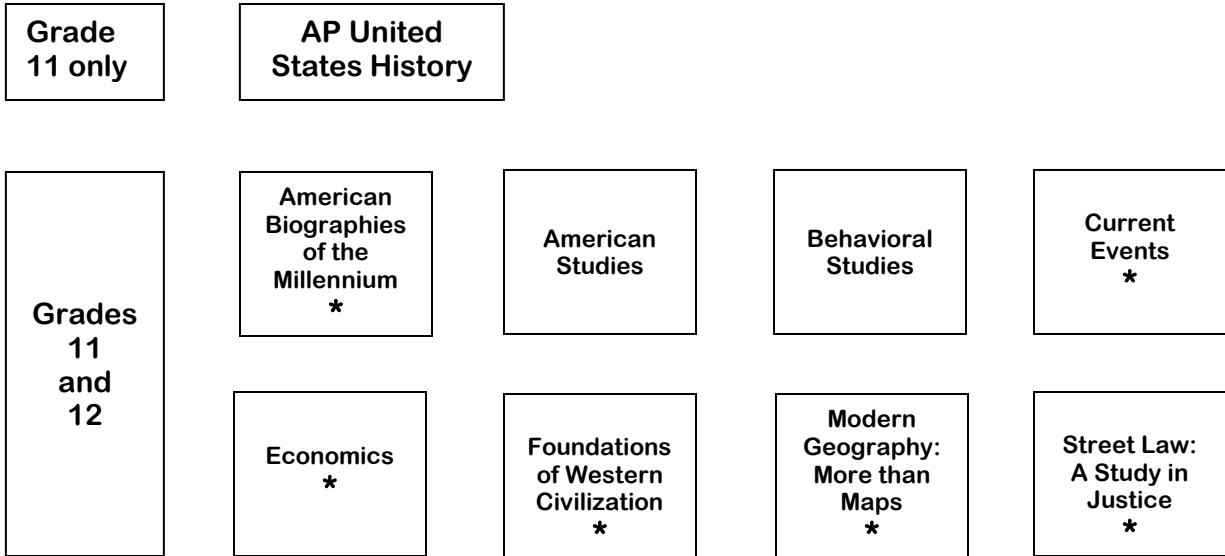


# SOCIAL STUDIES



## ELECTIVES



\* denotes a 18 week class

# Social Studies

All students are required to take three specific one term Social Studies courses to graduate. These courses are World History, American History and American Government (or AP American Government). Required courses are offered at the college preparatory, general, and basic levels. Students are also encouraged to enroll in Social Studies elective courses.

## REQUIRED COURSES

### **MODERN WORLD HISTORY**

10      1 credit      2 semesters (full year)      CP/G/B      \$15.00

This is a full-term course emphasizing the years 1750 to the present. The content/skills of this course match the learning outcomes of the Ohio Graduation Test, which will be given in the 10th grade year.

### **MODERN AMERICAN HISTORY II**

10-11      1 credit      2 semesters (full year)      CP/G/B      \$15.00

This full-term course investigates America's involvement in world affairs since the 1877's. The course will cover important political, geographic, social and economic issues of the 20th and 21st century. The course will also concentrate on developing and enriching social studies skills and knowledge required for successful completion of the Ohio Graduation Test.

### **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

12      1 credit      2 semesters (full year)      CP/G/B      \$15.00

This is a full-term course emphasizing the development of our system of government. Emphasis is on the Constitution and its ramifications with the various branches of our government. Attention will be given to the organization and functioning of the state and local governments. American Government meets the outcomes for content about financial literacy.

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

12      1 credit      2 semesters (full year)      AP/H      \$15.00

**(Prerequisite: 3.5 G.P.A. in Social Studies, 3.5 G.P.A. overall)**

Same as American Government, except that the student should have a 3.5 grade point average in social studies classes and a 3.5 overall G.P.A. This class requires much out-of-class individual work and extensive writing. AP U.S. Government meets the outcomes for content about financial literacy.

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT WORLD HISTORY**

10      1 credit      2 semesters (full year)      AP/H      \$15.00

This full term course is offered to qualified students who wish to complete studies in secondary school equivalent to an introductory course in world history. The focus of this course is to guide students through the steps a historian would take in analyzing historical events and evidence worldwide. This course offers balanced global

coverage, in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe all represented. The chronological time is from approximately 8000B.C.E to present with the period 8000B.C.E to 600 C.E serving as the foundation for the balance of the course. There are multiple overriding themes which serve the course as unifying threads, helping students to put what is particular about each period or society into a larger framework. The themes also provide ways to make comparisons over time. Skills of document analysis and narrative/comparative essay writing will be emphasized. This course is for sophomore students only. Students should expect a rigorous course with heavy reading and writing requirements. Outside work is required mirroring the amount time in class.

## **ELECTIVE COURSES**

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT AMERICAN HISTORY**

11            1 credit            2 semesters (full year)    AP/H            \$15.00

**(Prerequisite: 3.5 in Social Studies, 3.5 G.P.A. overall)**

This course provides students with analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in American History. There is a heavy emphasis on document analysis. The course is fast-paced and concentrated. Demands equal to college courses will be made. Outside work is required. Solid reading and writing skills are necessary.

### **AMERICAN BIOGRAPHIES OF THE MILLENNIUM**

11-12       .5 credit            1 semester (half year)    CP/G/B            \$8.00

This course will offer students the opportunity to examine the lives of Americans that have helped shape American history and American society in the areas of American culture, civil rights, science and technology, military history, economics, and American government. This course is offered to all students.

### **AMERICAN STUDIES**

11-12       1 credit            2 semesters (full year)                            CP/G/B            \$15.00

This full-term course emphasizes the in-depth focus on U.S. historical themes and questions. These themes include Environment and Growth, Peace Cooperation and Hostility, Diversity and National Identity, Values in Democracy and others. Emphasis will be on Contemporary American History.

### **BEHAVIORAL STUDIES**

11-12       1 credit            2 semesters (full year)    CP/G/B            \$15.00

This one-term course will actually be divided into two disciplines.

Psychology will explore the reasons why people think and act as they do, based on heredity, environment, biology, and human behavior. Psychology will also study the various theories of personality, mental health, illness, emotions, and intelligence.

Sociology examines the group behavior of contemporary people. Strata of people will be studied, as will intercultural items and society's institutions. Societal problems will be analyzed from a sociological perspective.

This class is offered to all students.

## **CURRENT EVENTS**

**11-12 .5 credit 1 semester (half year) CP/G/B \$8.00**

This semester course will provide students with critical thinking skills about the issues of the day, especially hot spots. The course will provide students with the skills to critically compare news mediums. This course will be discussion based. There will be organizational content themes and continuing projects. This class is offered to all level students.

## **ECONOMICS**

**11-12 .5 credit 1 semester (half year) CP/G/B \$8.00**

This semester course offers students the opportunity to study one of the most important topics of our time. Students will learn the fundamentals of American capitalism, including microeconomic and macroeconomic issues. Students will use an applications approach to their work. Study of the stock market and international economic issues will also be addressed. This course is offered to students of all levels.

## **FOUNDATIONS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

**11-12 .5 credit 1 semester (half year) CP/G/B \$8.00**

**“The unexamined life is not worth living.” Socrates**

This semester class will offer students the opportunity to examine key ideas and contributions made by the peoples of ancient Greece, Rome, and the Middle Ages. Study will be made of those who laid the foundations of modern democracy by pursuing excellence centuries ago in politics, philosophy, art, science, and education. The goal is that students will become more intellectually curious, appreciative of the freedoms afforded by democracy, and thus become enlightened citizens. This class best serves college preparatory students.

## **MODERN GEOGRAPHY: MORE THAN MAPS**

**11-12 .5 credit 1 semester (half year) CP/G/B \$8.00**

The semester course will promote geographic literacy by focusing on traditional cartography (study of map making), while also examining the cultural, human and environmental branches of geographic study. The course will also show the impact of geography on history through case studies; focusing on political, economic and social causes and effects. Students will exit the course having a “sense of place”, and with the tools necessary to consider geography as a profession. This course is offered to students of all levels.

## **STREET LAW: A Study in Justice**

**11-12 .5 credit 1 semester (half year) CP/G/B \$8.00**

This semester course will offer students the opportunity to gain an understanding of how law and our legal system work for them, while equipping students to participate in and understand their role in society. Students will learn practical law that is useful to daily life by considering a wide range of law and legal issues through various activities, speakers, and analyzing real and hypothetical case studies. This course is offered to students of all levels.