

SOCIAL STUDIES

REQUIRED COURSES

GRADE 9

MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY OR
MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY (Honors)

GRADE 10

WORLD HISTORY OR
AP WORLD HISTORY (Honors)

GRADE 11

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
(Must be taken and passed to graduate.)

To fulfill the current graduation requirement in social studies beyond tenth grade, the student must earn one half elective credit in social studies in addition to the state mandated Government course.

GRADE 9

MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY **157001/
MOD US HIST** **157002**
1 Credit (1/2 per semester)
Prerequisite: None

Ninth-grade Modern United States History is the final course in a rigorous three-year program of United States history. Modern U.S. History includes the study of domestic and foreign events that brought the United States to world power in the 1900s, the world wars, and the changing role of the United States in the modern post-war era. Students will participate in a service project connected to United States history to practice the skills of citizenship.

MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY - HONORS
+US HIST **158001/158002**
1 Credit (1/2 per semester)
Prerequisite: Department Approval

A study of United States history spanning three grade levels and concluding with the ninth-grade course, Honors Modern United States History, includes the study of domestic and foreign events that brought the United States to world power in the 1900's, the world wars, and the changing role of the United States in the modern post-war era. Students will explore in-depth the content of Modern U.S. History through especially challenging textual, supplemental, and current materials. A weighted grade is given. Students will participate in a service project connected to United States history to practice the skills of citizenship.

The criteria for placement into **MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY (Honors)** are as follows:

- History grade of A
- Recommendation of 8th grade History teacher
- SRI score (reading score) of 1300 or above
- Ability to read and interpret a primary document
- Writing ability as demonstrated in a timed essay

The student should meet four of the above criteria. Modern United States History (Honors) is an accelerated, challenging class, which requires a commitment of time and effort, a desire to pursue independent research, and an eagerness to learn.

GRADE 10

WORLD HISTORY: THE MODERN ERA
WORLD HIST **157011/157012**
1 Credit (1/2 per semester)
Prerequisite: None

This course is the continuation of a two year study of world history. Students will trace the development of world history from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century by concentrating on the specific periods, persons, and events of greatest significance to development. The course includes comparisons of past and present events as well as comparisons of western and non-western development in order that the students develop an understanding of the political, social, geographic and economic status of several nations in the world today. Students will participate in a service learning project with a global focus to practice responsible citizenship in an interconnected world.

AP WORLD HISTORY **159011/159012**
+AP WRLD HIS
1 Credit (1/2 per semester)
Prerequisite: Department Approval

AP World History works to develop a greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts including interactions over time. The course highlights the nature of changes in international frameworks and their causes and consequences, as well as comparisons among major societies. The course will flow chronologically while examining five major historical themes. The course prepares students to take the AP World History exam. A weighted grade is given.

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on world history. Art, philosophy, literature, primary source writings and film will all be utilized to achieve the goal of gaining greater understanding of these countries. Students will be expected to participate in class discussions, read primary sources and research different topics. Students may receive college credit through the University of Missouri – St. Louis. (You may take Asian 2 without taking Asian 1.) A weighted grade is given.

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 159510

+AP HUM GEO

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

AP Human Geography is a college level introductory geography course. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of human geography and apply the geographical framework for the analysis of current world problems, social organization, and environmental issues. The course prepares students for the AP Human Geography exam. A weighted grade is given.

CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY 157550

CHAL TO DEM

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will focus on issues pertaining to the topic of democracy and the ways in which the definition of democracy and respect for the individual within the community is often violated in the modern world. Several sources will be used in teaching this course. The course focuses on challenges that are faced in the United States, including the topic of hate crimes and prejudice. In addition, students will examine several case studies of human rights violations throughout the world from the last twenty years. The primary focus on this course is the study of genocides in the Twentieth Century, including Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda, and the Holocaust. A large segment of class time will be devoted to discussion; therefore, classroom participation during discussion will be expected.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES 157760

CONTMP ISSUE

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will focus on modern issues in all areas of the social studies: political, economic, and social. The students will read from several sources, including a weekly news magazine. Current events will be studied with a historical perspective and projection of future possibilities. Both domestic and international issues will be examined. A large segment of class time will be devoted to discussion.

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CRIME AND THE LAW 157750

CRIME & LAW

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course studies crime in America and how our society deals with those who break its laws. Topics studied will include an examination of civil and criminal law, constitutional law, individual rights, theories of the causes of criminal behavior, the structure and function of the legal system, the examination of the penal system, and the roles of police, attorneys, and judges. The course will introduce landmark decisions, case studies, and guest speakers. This course will provide for individual research.

ECONOMICS 157700

ECONOMICS

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course introduces students to basic economic concepts associated with our free enterprise/capitalistic economy. Basic principles included in the course include scarcity, production, distribution, consumption, supply/demand, inflation, recession, business, labor, and banking. Students will have the opportunity to learn through independent research and discussion. This course is highly recommended for students who plan to enter Business Administration, Liberal Arts and Pre-Law.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES 157820

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1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Standing

Students will explore the development of the environmental movement, its successes and failures, and the reasons for current environmental backlash. Units of study will focus on societal issues that impact wildlife preservation, air and water pollution, land use, population and energy options. Each student will examine and develop an understanding of environmental issues that provide a framework of knowledge into which they can integrate global information for a lifetime of continuous learning.

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HISTORY OF ST. LOUIS

HIS ST LOUIS

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will provide an overview of the unique and diverse history of St. Louis. Students will follow the course of development of this small 18th century trading post as it expands into a major metropolis at the turn of the 20th century, and culminate with an examination of the city as it now exists. The course will discuss individuals who were important to the development of the city, but will emphasize the significant contributions (e.g., architecture, music, and art) of the culturally diverse people who have made the city of St. Louis what it is today. The course will culminate with students examining and debating contemporary, as well as future issues that face our community.

MEDIA IN AMERICA

MEDIA&AMER

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will examine the role of various types of media such as print, film, cinema, radio, television, newspapers, news magazines, campaign ads and the Internet in shaping American culture and history. The changing media and changing role of the influence of the media will be examined related to significant topics, periods and events in history such as the role of colonial news in the American Revolution, enticing people to move west, stating the north/south case at the time of the Civil War, building the west, influencing views during war, as well as shaping today's issues and events in our own nation and abroad.

MODERN WARFARE

MRDN WARFARE

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

This course will take a look at some very important questions concerning the origins of war as well as the study of World War I and World War II, the Cold War conflicts, the Gulf War, and the War on Terrorism. Students will confront and discuss tough questions such as "Is war part of human nature?" "What reasons (if any) justify the use of war?" "What limits should be used in waging war?" and "Can there ever be an end to warfare altogether?" An in-depth look into the military history of our past century will challenge students to evaluate how war fits into our future world.

157350

SOCIOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing

Sociology is the study of human behavior in groups which range from two people to societies of millions of people. Students gain an understanding of important sociological concepts such as culture, socialization, status, role, and group dynamics. Students will use the tools and techniques of sociology, along with audiovisuals, group discussions, and simulations to investigate and analyze human relationships.

ELECTIVES **GRADE 12**

HUMANITIES 1 - HONORS

+HUMNTIES 1

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Senior standing

This challenging course traces the course of western civilization from ancient times through the Renaissance. The course highlights a changing view of life through the centuries and highlights important events in the search for meaning in life. The student is given the opportunity to examine the art, architecture, science, music and writings of various periods of history. To help the student understand he/she is in the tradition of western man, the student uses records, slides, films, discussions, guest speakers, readings, trips to various points of interest, and independent research. Emphasis is also placed on the basic skills of how to write exams and papers. Students may receive college credit for this course and a weighted grade is given.

158730

HUMANITIES 2 - HONORS

+HUMNTIES 2

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Senior standing

This challenging course traces the course of western civilization from the Renaissance to the present. It continues the examination of art, architecture, music, literature, philosophy, science, and politics that began in the first semester. The method of study is the same. Students may receive college credit for this course and a weighted grade is given.

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PSYCHOLOGY

157800

PSYCHOLOGY

1/2 Credit (semester)

Prerequisite: Senior standing

Psychology introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental process of human beings. Psychology is a behavioral science, which studies the individual's personality, emotions, intelligence, interactions, creativity and motivation. Topics include an introduction to the field, experimental method, sensation, perception, learning, personality, memory and thinking, abnormal psychology, states of consciousness and psychological therapy.

AP PSYCHOLOGY

159801/159802

+AP PSYCHOLO

1 Credit (1/2 per semester)

Prerequisite: 12

AP Psychology introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental process of human beings. Students will be exposed to psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They will also learn about the methods psychologists use to explore the process involved in normal and abnormal perceptions, thoughts, feelings, and actions. This course is designed to prepare students for the AP exam.