

# SOCIAL STUDIES

Grade 9

World History

OR

Global Studies

OR

AP  
Human  
Geography

Grade 10

U.S. History

OR

AP U.S.  
History

**ELECTIVES**

**Grades 9 – 12**  
American Government

**Grades 11/12**  
AP Economics  
AP European History  
AP Psychology  
AP Human Geography  
AP US History  
Global Studies  
Psychology  
Sociology  
World Affairs  
World History

Grade 11

Economics

OR

AP  
European  
History  
(if AP US  
grade 10)

AND

U.S. History  
1945-Present  
or  
Honors US 45

AP Economics

AP United States  
History

Grade 12

Sociology

Psychology

World  
Affairs

AP European  
History

AP Psychology

AP Economics

AP United States  
History

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## **2141 GLOBAL STUDIES**

**2142**

1 Credit

●9 ●10 ●11 ●12

Global Studies is a human geography course. It explores the relationships and patterns between humans and their environment. There are nine units in the course. The units are as follows: Semester 1: 1. Basic Concepts of Geography 2. Population and Migration 3. Folk and Popular Culture 4. Ethnicity and Language 5. Religion Semester 2: 6. Political Geography 7. Economic Geography 8. Urban Patterns 9. Resource and Environmental Issues.

## **2151 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**

**2152**

1 Credit

●9 ●10 ●11 ●12

AP Human Geography is a year-long course that focuses on understanding the connections and patterns between people, places, and the environment. The course provides a broad survey of human geography including population, culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political geography, agriculture & land use, natural resources, industry & economics, and urbanization. In APHG students will work on skills like spatial thinking (seeing patterns on maps and in the field) that are not offered in other disciplines. The course is the equivalent of an introductory one-semester college human geography course. AP Human Geography involves a rigorous workload that includes spending approximately 30 minutes each weekday outside of class to complete work. Students are strongly encouraged to take the AP exam in May. If successful, students could earn up to 3 college credits.

## **2441 WORLD HISTORY**

**2442**

.5/1 Credit

●9 ●10 ●11 ●12

First semester will cover the ancient civilizations while the second semester will cover later topics of the same global areas. A variety of methods, including discussion, role-playing, group work, and maps will be supplemented with video and lecture.

## **2410 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

.5 Credit

●9 ●10 ●11 ●12

A study of how the American political system operates on the local, state, and national levels. This is a political science course that aims to develop student understanding of how he/she can use the system to initiate change. Great political issues of our times such as the problem of ethics in government, executive powers, Supreme Court authority and the elective process are dealt with in this class. The course encourages active participation of the citizen in the American political system. Various types of media will be used to supplement the text to keep the students abreast of current political and social issues.

## **2231 UNITED STATES HISTORY**

**2232**

1 Credit

○9 ●10 ○11 ○12

Content covers American History from the Civil War to 1945 and the end of WWII. Chronology as well as themes including: Reconstruction, Westward Movement, Gilded Age, Industrialism, WWI, 1920s, 1930s and WWII.

The Sophomore United States History course covers the development of the United States from the end of the Civil War (1865) to the end of World War Two (1945). Themes to be covered include the political, economic, and social development of America and its relationship with the world. Emphasis will be placed on challenging you to think critically, while developing writing and organizational skills. A variety of teaching methods and strategies will be implemented including class discussions, role playing activities, group work, document analysis, and map activities.

## **2341 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) U.S. HISTORY**

**2342**

1 Credit

Recommended Prerequisites: "B" or better average; or consent of social studies teacher ○9 ●10 ●11 ●12

AP U.S. History provides an opportunity for college-bound students to experience the study of history at a level similar to that of a first year college student. The course focuses on the development of historical thinking skills (chronological reasoning, comparing and contextualizing, crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, and interpreting and synthesizing historical narrative) and an understanding of content learning objectives organized around seven themes, such as identity, peopling, and America in the world (College Board). The course will cover from the pre-Columbian period to the present. Upon completion of the AP course, students will be eligible to take the AP Exam which may result in credits earned toward college level coursework. Students will be expected to do critical analysis of selected readings and a significant amount of writing. The course, by design, will be academically challenging.

**2330 ECONOMICS**

.5 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

This course centers on two major aspects of economics – principles and some theory that guide the workings of the American free enterprise system (Macroeconomics) and the role of the individual within that system (Microeconomics). Specific topics include: supply and demand, money and the Federal Reserve, measuring economic activity, and ways to fix a bad economy. Personal economics include: checking accounts and credit cards, saving and investing, insurance, and budgeting.

**2331 AP ECONOMICS****2332**

1 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

The aim of the Advanced Placement Economics course is to provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that obtained in a typical college/university introductory macroeconomics or microeconomics course. AP Economics is designed to prepare students to take the AP Exams in Macroeconomics and Microeconomics (2 separate exams) in the month of May of each year. Successful completion of these exams may result in college/university credits or placements for the students.

*AP Macroeconomics:*

Advanced Placement Macroeconomics provides students with a thorough understanding of economic principles that apply to an economic system as a whole. The course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price-level determination and also develops students' familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics.

*AP Microeconomics:*

Advanced Placement Microeconomics provides students with a thorough understanding of economic principles that apply to the functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within an economic system. The course places primary emphasis on the nature and functions of product markets and includes the study of factor markets and of the role of government in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy.

Please note: It is NOT necessary to take Economics prior to AP Economics..

**2480 UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE 1945 (US '45)**

.5 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

This course is an in-depth study of the period beginning at the conclusion of World War II and ending with the present. Special consideration will be given to the Cold War, foreign and domestic policies of each president as well as social impacts of various decades.

**2490 HONORS UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE 1945**

.5 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

This course focuses on U.S. History 1945 to the present and is accelerated for the college-bound student. The curriculum is designed at the highest level of student learning. Focus will be on the Cold War, Domestic and Foreign Policy of each President, and Post-Cold War policies.

**2431 WORLD AFFAIRS****2432**

Recommended Prerequisites: Grades "B" or better average in previous social studies classes or teacher's consent

1 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

The purpose of the course is to prepare students for a study on international events and problems. Course content is determined by the constant evolution of world events. The emphasis will be placed upon emerging third world countries as they compete with other industrialized nations. Students will study other world problems such as: Global Hunger and Poverty, the Middle East, Global Health, The New Europe, post Cold War problems, world leaders, over-population and world hot spots.

A portion of the course deals with the lessons of war and its alternatives. The class requires participation in the state-wide annual Wisconsin High School Model United Nations held at UW-Milwaukee, second semester.

**2450 SOCIOLOGY**.5 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

The purpose of this course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the study of patterned human social behavior. Students will investigate the concepts and theories that try to explain certain societal problems and behaviors. Students will learn about the history of sociology, techniques in research, ethics, the influence of society on the self, different and interesting cultures, societal roles and statuses, group interaction, crime and deviance, class conflict, racism, sexism, and the patterned organization of society.

**2500 PSYCHOLOGY**.5 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

Did you know... that your pupils expand when looking at someone you find attractive, that, on average, it takes 66 days to form a habit or that gelophobia is the fear of laughter? If you've ever been curious about the way humans think, feel and/or behave, then this course is for you. This course will challenge you to explore and examine: psychological perspectives; the way in which the brain functions; topics relating to learning, memory, motivation and emotion; personality; and mental health issues/disorders.

**2501 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PSYCHOLOGY**  
**2502**1 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

Advanced Placement Psychology is a two-semester course that offers a fascinating look into the way humans think, feel and behave. This course will encourage you to ask questions and critically examine topics relating to: personality; motivation and emotion; stress and health; lifespan development; learning, memory and intelligence; social relationships and influences; sensation and perception; biological psychology; and psychological disorders/treatment. Students who enroll in this course are encouraged to take the AP College Board Psychology Exam as some institutes of higher learning grant credits based on the success of one's exam.

Please note: It is NOT necessary to take Psychology prior to AP Psychology.

**2391 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EUROPEAN HISTORY (1400 - present)**  
**2392** Recommend Prerequisites: B or better average in all Social Studies classes  
and consent of Social Studies teacher1 Credit  
○9 ○10 ●11 ●12

AP Euro provides an opportunity for college-bound students to experience the study of history at a level similar to that of a first year college student. Topics covered include: Renaissance, Reformation, Absolutism, Enlightenment, Revolutions, Industrialization, WWI, Interwar period, WWII, Cold War and Modern Europe. Students will be expected to do critical analysis of selected readings and a significant amount of writing. The course will be academically challenging and allow students to take the national AP exam at the end of the year to potentially earn college credit, if they choose.