

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Indiana  
State Approved Course  
Titles and Descriptions**

2016-2017 School Year

Indiana Department of Education

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**AFRICAN STUDIES**  
(AFR STUDIES)

1500

*African Studies* helps students understand and appreciate the diverse peoples, cultures, and economic systems of the African continent. This course examines: (1) the early kingdoms and cities of Africa, (2) early trade routes with Europe and the East, (3) the influence of African culture in the Americas, (4) European colonization of Africa, (5) African influences in the United States, (6) the establishment of independent nations in Africa, and (7) contemporary traditions, literature, art and other aspects of culture.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended /Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

**ANTHROPOLOGY**  
(ANTHRO)

1502

*Anthropology* gives students perspectives concerning patterns of culture among people. The course introduces the anthropologist's processes of observing and analyzing human behavior. Topics studied include (1) theories and principles of cultural formation, growth, function, and change; (2) the relationship of culture to environment; and (3) the relationship between cultural background and behavior.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

**APPLIED ECONOMICS**  
(APP ECON)

1504

*Applied Economics* investigates the specific economic effect of market forces and government policies on individuals and major institutional groups, such as business and labor, in the economy. Special attention is given to economic concepts and principles used by consumers, producers, and voters. Learning experiences, such as projects, field trips, and computer applications, are strongly encouraged as ways to demonstrate practical applications of economic concepts.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies credit for the General Diploma
- Counts as an Elective for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

**ASIAN STUDIES**  
(ASN STUDIES)

1506

*Asian Studies* provides insight into the diverse peoples and cultures of Asia. It offers opportunities to study aspects of culture in one or more Asian countries. Attention is given to religions, traditions, art, literature, and the development of social, economic, and political institutions. Examination of contemporary Asian societies and the interaction of Asia with the United States are components of this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **CITIZENSHIP AND CIVICS**

(CIVICS)

1508

*Citizenship and Civics* is an overview of citizenship roles and responsibilities designed to help students become independent thinkers and conscientious citizens. This course deals with political trends and behavior which citizens consider to be relevant to the most pressing issues of the day. The course provides students experiences that will develop attitudes of citizenship within a democratic society. Topics include: (1) the policymaking process, (2) public participation in policymaking, (3) citizenship rights and responsibilities in a changing society, and (4) the relationship between modern society and government. Study of the local government should be a component of this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **CURRENT PROBLEMS, ISSUES, AND EVENTS**

(CPIE)

1512

*Current Problems, Issues, and Events* gives students the opportunity to apply investigative and inquiry techniques to the study of significant problems or issues. Students develop competence in (1) recognizing cause and effect relationships, (2) recognizing fallacies in reasoning and propaganda devices, (3) synthesizing knowledge into useful patterns, (4) stating and testing hypotheses, and (5) generalizing based on evidence. Problems or issues selected will have contemporary historical significance and will be studied from the viewpoint of the social science disciplines. Community service programs and internships within the community may be included.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester. Course may be repeated for credit if the content of the course changes.
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **ECONOMICS**

(ECON)

1514

*Economics* examines the allocation of resources and their uses for satisfying human needs and wants. The course analyzes economic reasoning and behaviors of consumers, producers, savers, investors, workers, voters, institutions, governments, and societies in making decisions. Students explain that because resources are limited, people must make choices and understand the role that supply, demand, prices, and profits play in a market economy. Key elements of the course include the study of scarcity and economic reasoning; supply and demand; market structures; the role of government; national economic performance; the role of financial institutions; economic stabilization; and trade.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma only
- Qualifies as a quantitative reasoning course

1516

**ETHNIC STUDIES**  
(ETH STUDIES)

*Ethnic Studies* provides opportunities to broaden students' perspectives concerning lifestyles and cultural patterns of ethnic groups in the United States. This course will either focus on a particular ethnic group or groups, or use a comparative approach to the study of patterns of cultural development, immigration, and assimilation, as well as the contributions of specific ethnic or cultural groups. The course may also include analysis of the political impact of ethnic diversity in the United States.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

1570

**GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD**  
(GEO-HST WLD)

*Geography and History of the World* is designed to enable students to use geographical tools, skills and historical concepts to deepen their understanding of major global themes including the origin and spread of world religions; exploration; conquest, and imperialism; urbanization; and innovations and revolutions.

Geographical and historical skills include forming research questions, acquiring information by investigating a variety of primary and secondary sources, organizing information by creating graphic representations, analyzing information to determine and explain patterns and trends, planning for the future, and documenting and presenting findings orally or in writing. The historical geography concepts used to explore the global themes include change over time, origin, diffusion, physical systems, cultural landscapes, and spatial distribution/patterns and interaction/relationships.

Students use the knowledge, tools, and skills obtained from this course in order to analyze, evaluate, and make predictions about major global developments. This course is designed to nurture perceptive and responsible citizenship, to encourage and support the development of critical thinking skills and lifelong learning, and to help prepare Indiana students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills the Geography History of the World/World History and Civilization graduation requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

4558

**GLOBAL ECONOMICS**  
(GLOB ECON)

*Global Economics* is a business course that provides students with an understanding of their role as consumers and producers in domestic and global economies. This course enables students to understand how the economic system operates while comprehending their role in that system. Students deal with public policy, international economics, microeconomics, and macroeconomics in comparing economic systems and using selected economic measures.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas,
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma
- Qualifies as a quantitative reasoning course

1518

**INDIANA STUDIES**  
(IN STUDIES)

*Indiana Studies* is an integrated course that compares and contrasts state and national developments in the areas of politics, economics, history, and culture. The course uses Indiana history as a basis for understanding current policies, practices, and state legislative procedures. It also includes the study of state and national constitutions from a historical perspective and as a current foundation of government. Examination of individual leaders and their roles in a democratic society will be included and student will examine the participation of citizens in the political process. Selections from Indiana arts and literature may also be analyzed for insights into historical events and cultural expressions.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

1520

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
(INTL RELAT)

*International Relations* provides a survey of the formal relations among sovereign states in the international system, emphasizing the operation of diplomacy. The procedures for settlement of disputes and various methods of international conflict resolution are included. This course examines power, interdependence, global development, and international organizations.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL SCIENCE**

*(INTRO SS)*

1522

*Introduction to Social Science* develops an understanding of the nature of the social sciences and presents reasons for studying them. The course involves consideration of the social sciences such as: (1) the study of humanity; (2) the reasons for separate fields or disciplines; (3) the objectives, materials, and methods of each discipline; and (4) the difficulties encountered by social scientists in applying scientific method to the study of human life. Content may include group and individual behavior, education, social systems, and the role of the social studies.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**

*(LAT STUDIES)*

1524

*Latin American Studies* provides an understanding of and appreciation for the diverse peoples, cultures, and economic systems of Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean nations. Content includes geographical and historical factors that have influenced contemporary situations. Topics of study include: (1) the development of pre-Columbian civilizations, (2) European colonial systems and resulting institutions, (3) the development of independent nations and governments, and (4) current issues.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **LAW EDUCATION**

*(LAW ED)*

1526

*Law Education* provides an understanding of the American legal system and its basis in the United States Constitution. The course is designed to promote an understanding of society and its system of laws by indicating how citizens may effectively function within the law. Ways of dealing with interpersonal conflict in order to secure constructive change are included, along with the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills. Case studies, field trips, simulations, and mock trials will be used in this course whenever feasible.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States Government or teacher recommendation
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **MODERN WORLD CIVILIZATION**

*(MOD WLD CIV)*

1528

*Modern World Civilization* provides students an in-depth look at the twentieth and twenty-first century world. It is a study of different cultures as they exist in the world today, including comparative analysis of the various types of government, economic, and social systems. International relationships are examined partly from the viewpoint of national interests, including the successes and failures of diplomacy.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: World History and Civilization
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

1530

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
(POLI SCI)

*Political Science* provides for a study of the processes and goals of politics; processes of government; methods by which decisions are made; and the basis of decision making. The course goes beyond the study of governmental structure and functions to include and analysis of topics such as: (1) the nature of the American party system, (2) interest groups, (3) public opinion, (4) laws which affect students, (5) reasons laws are changed, (6) due process of law, (7) legal rights, and (8) legal responsibilities. Comparative studies of governmental systems in nations other than the United States may also be included.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States Government
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for the all diplomas

1532

**PSYCHOLOGY**  
(PSYCH)

*Psychology* is the scientific study of mental processes and behavior. The course is divided into eight content areas. History & Scientific Method explores the history of psychology, the research methods used, and the ethical considerations that must be utilized. Biological Basis for Behavior focuses on the way the brain and nervous system function, including sensation, perception, motivation and emotion. Development looks at all the changes through one's life; physical, cognitive, as well as emotional, social and moral development. Cognition focuses on learning, memory, information processing, and language development. Personality and Assessment looks at the approaches used to explain one's personality and the assessment tools used. Abnormal Psychology explores psychological disorders and the various treatments used for them. Socio-Cultural Dimensions of Behavior covers topics such as conformity, obedience, perceptions, attitudes and influence of the group on the individual. Psychological Thinking explores how to think like a psychologist and expand critical thinking skills needed in the day-to-day life of a psychologist.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

1534

**SOCIOLOGY**  
(SOCIOLOGY)

*Sociology* allows students to study human social behavior from a group perspective. The sociological perspective is a method of studying recurring patterns in people's attitudes and actions and how these patterns vary across time, cultures, and in social settings and groups. Students describe the development of sociology as a social science and identify methods of research. Through research methods such as scientific inquiry students examine society, group behavior, and social structures. The influence of culture on group behavior is addressed through institutions such as the family, religion, education, economics, community organizations, government, and political and social groups. The impact of social groups and institutions on group and individual behavior and the changing nature of society will be examined. Influences on group behavior and social problems are included in the course. Students also analyze the role of individuals in the community and social problems in today's world.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
(ST/LOC GOVT)

1536

*State and Local Government* is the study of the function and organization of state, county, city, town, and township government units. The primary focus is on the major factors and issues in the state's political development. This course also traces the role and influence of political and social institutions on a state's political development. The implications of this development for governmental units should be discussed relative to current political and governmental situations. Field trips, observations, and interviews with state and local leaders should be encouraged whenever possible.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

**TOPICS IN HISTORY**  
(TOP HIST)

1538

*Topics In History* provides students the opportunity to study specific historical eras, events, or concepts. Development of historical research skills using primary and secondary sources is emphasized. The course focuses on one or more topics or themes related to United States or world history. Examples of topics might include: (1) twentieth-century conflict, (2) the American West, (3) the history of the United States Constitution, and (4) democracy in history.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States History or History and World Civilizations
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester. This course may be repeated if the material in the course is different from one semester to the next. Topics in History can address different topics in World History or U.S. History.
- Counts as an Elective all diplomas

**TOPICS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
(TOPICS SS)

1550

*Topics in Social Science* provides students with an opportunity for in-depth study of a specific topic, theme, or concept in one of the social science disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. It is also possible to focus the course on more than one discipline. A subtitle should be included to give a clear idea of the course content. For example, a course focusing on a specific in political science might be entitled, "Topics in Social Science: Comparative Government." Courses taught under this title should emphasize scientific methods of inquiry and help students develop effective research and thinking skills.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## **UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

*(US GOVT)*

1540

*United States Government* provides a framework for understanding the purposes, principles, and practices of constitutional representative democracy in the United States. Responsible and effective participation of citizens is stressed. Students understand the nature of citizenship, politics, and governments and understand the rights and responsibilities of citizens and how these are part of local, state, and national government. Students examine how the United States Constitution protects rights and provides the structure and functions of various levels of government. How the United States interacts with other nations and the government's role in world affairs will be included. Using primary and secondary resources, students will articulate, evaluate, and defend positions on political issues. As a result, they will be able to explain the role of individuals and groups in government, politics, and civic activities and the need for civic and political engagement of citizens in the United States.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills the Government requirement for all diplomas

## **UNITED STATES HISTORY**

*(US HIST)*

1542

*United States History* is a two-semester course that builds upon concepts developed in previous studies of U.S. History and emphasizes national development from the late nineteenth century into the twenty-first century. After reviewing fundamental themes in the early development of the nation, students are expected to identify and review significant events, persons, and movements in the early development of the nation. The course then gives major emphasis to the interaction of key events, people, and political, economic, social, and cultural influences in national developments from the late nineteenth century through the present as they relate to life in Indiana and the United States. Students are expected to trace and analyze chronological periods and examine the significant themes and concepts in U.S. History. Students develop historical thinking and research skills and use primary and secondary sources to explore topical issues and to understand the cause for changes in the nation over time.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills the US History requirement for all diplomas

## **URBAN AFFAIRS**

*(URBN AFAIR)*

1544

*Urban Affairs* examines the history, organization, processes, and distinctive aspects of urban affairs. The rise of modern cities and an analysis of modern urban problems are dealt with in this course. The politics of governing urban areas, including the selection of political leaders and citizen participation in the decision-making process, is to be emphasized. Data collection and research skills may be taught in conjunction with the study of this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

1546

**WORLD GEOGRAPHY**  
(*WORLD GEO*)

*World Geography* allows students to study the interaction of humans and their environments in a world setting. Students study global patterns of physical and cultural characteristics, including the Earth/sun relationship, atmospheric and oceanic circulation, landforms, climate, vegetation, population, economic and political structures, culture, cultural diffusion, and international and interregional connections. Using maps, geographic representations and technology such as geographic information systems (GIS) students will examine spatial relationships, the interaction of physical and cultural characteristics of designated places, areas, or regions. Students are expected to apply knowledge of geographic concepts and uses of geography to inquiry, research, and use participatory processes. Guiding course content are the themes of location, characteristic of place, human/environmental interaction, movement between places, and regions. Emphasized are elements of the National Geography Standards: The World in Spatial Terms, Places and Regions, Physical Systems, Human Systems and Environment and Society.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

1548

**WORLD HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION**  
(*WLD HST/CVL*)

*World History and Civilization* emphasizes events and developments in the past that greatly affected large numbers of people across broad areas and that significantly influenced peoples and places in subsequent eras. Key events related to people and places as well as transcultural interaction and exchanges are examined in this course. Students are expected to compare and contrast events and developments involving diverse peoples and civilizations in different regions of the world. They will examine examples of continuity and change, universality and particularity, and unity and diversity among various peoples and cultures from the past to the present. Students are also expected to practice and process skills of historical thinking and research and apply content knowledge to the practice of thinking and inquiry skills and processes. There will be continuous and pervasive interactions of processes and content, skills and substance, in the teaching and learning of history.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills the Geography History of the World/World History and Civilization graduation requirement for all diplomas

## ADVANCED SOCIAL SCIENCES, COLLEGE CREDIT

(ADV SS CC)

1574

*Advanced Social Sciences, College Credit* is a title covering (1) any advanced social sciences course offered for credit by an accredited postsecondary institution through an adjunct agreement with a secondary school or (2) any other postsecondary social sciences course offered for dual credit under the provisions of 511 IAC 6-10.

- Recommended Grade Level: 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States History or History and World Civilizations
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit per semester. May be offered for successive semesters
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Courses that use this title are most often those taught through the post-secondary campus, taught either online in traditional settings or a combination; and taught by higher education faculty
- Courses that use this title are those that do not meet specific high school standards for a corresponding high school course, as they are standards beyond what is taught in the high school.

## AP EUROPEAN HISTORY

(EUR HST AP)

1556

AP European History is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. AP European History focuses on developing students' abilities to think conceptually about European history from approximately 1450 to the present and apply historical thinking skills as they learn about the past. Five themes of equal importance—Interaction of Europe and the World, Poverty and Prosperity, Objective Knowledge and Subjective Visions, States and Other Institutions of Power, and Individual and Society—provide areas of historical inquiry for investigation throughout the course. These require students to reason historically about continuity and change over time and make comparisons among various historical developments in different times and places.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: World History. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

## AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

(GOVT AP)

1552

*AP Comparative Government and Politics* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. AP Comparative Government and Politics introduces students to the rich diversity of political life outside the United States. The course uses a comparative approach to examine the political structures; policies; and the political, economic, and social challenges among six selected countries: Great Britain, Mexico, Russia, Iran, China, and Nigeria. Additionally, students examine how different governments solve similar problems by comparing the effectiveness of approaches to many global issues. Topics include: Introduction to Comparative Politics; Sovereignty, Authority, and Power; Political institutions; Citizens, Society, and the State; Political and Economic Change; Public Policy.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: United States Government. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- **No longer fulfills the US Government requirement for any diploma**

## **AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

*(US GOVT AP)*

1560

*AP United States Government and Politics* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. AP United States Government and Politics introduces students to key political ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the political culture of the United States. The course examines politically significant concepts and themes, through which students learn to apply disciplinary reasoning assess causes and consequences of political events, and interpret data to develop evidence-based arguments. Topics include: (1) constitutional underpinnings, (2) political beliefs and behaviors, (3) political parties, interest groups, and mass media, (4) institutions of national government, (5) public policy, and (6) civil rights and civil liberties.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills the US Government requirement for all diplomas

## **AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**

*(HUM GEO AP)*

1572

*AP Human Geography* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. The AP Human Geography course is equivalent to an introductory college-level course in human geography. The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. The curriculum reflects the goals of the National Geography Standards (2012). Topics include: Geography: its Nature and Perspectives; Population and Migration; Cultural Patterns and Processes; Political Organization of Space; Agriculture, Food Production, and Rural Land Use; Industrialization and Economic Development; and Cities and Urban Land Use.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

**AP MACROECONOMICS**  
(MACRO-ECON)

*AP Macroeconomics* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. AP Macroeconomics is an introductory college-level course that focuses on the 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; it also develops students' familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. Students learn to use graphs, charts, and data to analyze, describe, and explain economic concepts. Topics include: Basic Economic Concepts; Measurement of Economic Performance; National Income and Price Determination; Financial Sector; Stabilization Policies; and Economic Growth.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas
- Qualifies as a quantitative reasoning course

**AP MICROECONOMICS**  
(MICRO-ECON)

*AP Microeconomics* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. AP Microeconomics is an introductory college-level course that focuses on the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual economic decision-makers. The course also develops students' familiarity with the operation of product and factor markets, distributions of income, market failure, and the role of government in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy. Students learn to use graphs, charts, and data to analyze, describe, and explain economic concepts. Topics include: Basic Economic Concepts; The Nature and Functions of Product Markets; Factor Markets; and Market Failure and the Role of Government.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas
- Qualifies as a quantitative reasoning course

**AP PSYCHOLOGY**  
(PSYCH AP)

1558

*AP Psychology* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. The AP Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While considering the psychologists and studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with such topics as the biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatment of abnormal behavior, and social psychology. Throughout the course, students employ psychological research methods, including ethical considerations, as they use the scientific method, analyze bias, evaluate claims and evidence, and effectively communicate ideas. Topics include: History and Approaches; Research Methods; Biological Bases of Behavior; Sensation and Perception; States of Consciousness; Learning; Cognition; Motivation and Emotion; Developmental Psychology; Personality; Testing and Individual Differences; Abnormal Behavior; Treatment of Abnormal Behavior; and Social Psychology.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 1 to 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for all diplomas

**AP UNITED STATES HISTORY**  
(US HIST AP)

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*AP United States History* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. AP United States History focuses on developing students' abilities to think conceptually about U.S. history from approximately 1491 to the present and apply historical thinking skills as they learn about the past. Seven themes of equal importance — identity; peopling; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; environment and geography; and ideas, beliefs, and culture — provide areas of historical inquiry for investigation throughout the course. These require students to reason historically about continuity and change over time and make comparisons among various historical developments in different times and places.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11, 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: none. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills the US History requirement for all diplomas

**AP WORLD HISTORY**  
(WLD HST AP)

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*AP World History* is a course based on the content established and copyrighted by the College Board. The course is not intended to be used as a dual credit course. AP World History focuses on developing students' abilities to think conceptually about world history from approximately 8000 BCE to the present and apply historical thinking skills as they learn about the past. Five themes of equal importance — focusing on the environment, cultures, state-building, economic systems, and social structures — provide areas of historical inquiry for investigation throughout the course. AP World History encompasses the history of the five major geographical regions of the globe: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania, with special focus on historical developments and processes that cross multiple regions.

- Recommended Grade Level: none
- Recommended Prerequisites: none. Students should be able to read a college level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for all diplomas