

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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The Social Studies Department offers students an opportunity to study elements of human history, human behavior, and cultures. The analysis of social studies rests on both critical reading and evaluation of evidence. It sharpens reading and writing skills and gives students practice in the use of the basic tools of modern life.

SOCIAL STUDIES at a Glance

Course	Grade	Credit
World Civilizations	9	1
World Civilizations Regular	9	1
World Civilizations Honors	9	1
Integrated Language Arts & Social		
Sciences I: Cultures and Societies *	9	1
Civics	10	0.5
Civics Regular	10	0.5
Civics Honors	10	0.5
Constitutional Law/Civics	10	0.5
World Geography	10	0.5
World Geography Honors	12	
Global Social Foundations		
American Studies Honors	11	2
U. S. History	11	1
U.S. History Regular		
AP U.S. History	11	1
Issues in America	11, 12	0.5
African Histories*	10, 11, 12	0.5
African-American History	11, 12	0.5
Eastern Histories*	10, 11, 12	0.5
Latin-American History	11, 12	0.5

Criminal Justice	10, 11, 12	0.5
Sociology	11, 12	0.5
Psychology	11, 12	0.5
Illinois, Chicago, and Local History	11, 12	0.5
AP European History	12	
Independent Study	11, 12	0.5 to 1

*These courses are only offered at the Mathematics and Science Academy.

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World Civilizations

G050

Grade 9

G120 (Category I Grade Weighting)

1 credit

No Prerequisite

Year course

This is a one-year course designed to assist students of average potential who need specialized and individualized instruction. Emphasis is placed on reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills to support the understanding of world history from the beginning of civilization through the modern era.

World Civilizations Regular

G100

Grade 9

No Prerequisite

1 credit

Year course

This is a one-year course designed for average and above average students. This course is a survey of world history from the beginning of civilization in African, Asia, and Europe to the modern era.

World Civilizations Honors

G101

Grade 9

Prerequisite: Department recommendation

1 credit

Year course

This course is a survey of world history from the beginning of civilization in Africa, Asia, and Europe to the modern era. Students enrolling in the course at this level should have excellent reading and writing skills, as well as prior exposure to research techniques.

Integrated Language Arts and Social Sciences I:

Cultures and Societies*

MSA3101

Grade 9

Prerequisite: None

1 credit

Year course

This course examines the concepts of culture and identity and their impact on society from the perspective of both the United States' and other nations' past, present, and future. Language Arts is integrated with the study of social science through writing, speaking, and visual mapping.

Civics Grade 1
G089 1 credit
 No Prerequisite
 Year course

This semester course covers the American system of government, the American legal system, the criminal justice system, our rights and responsibilities as citizens, as well as consumer awareness and protection. Throughout the study of citizenship, government and law, students will gain a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities as members of society. In addition students will study consumer issues related to contracts, credit, purchasing goods and services, and career planning. This occurs is designed for students who need reinforcement in reading, writing, and critical thinking skills.

NOTE: This course fulfills the consumer education graduation requirement.

Civics Regular
G090 (G725 Sem. 2) Grade 11
G089 (G689 Sem. 2) 0.5 credit
 No prerequisite:
 Semester course; offered both semesters

This semester course covers the American system of government, the American legal system, the criminal justice system, our rights and responsibilities as citizens, as well as consumer awareness and protection. Throughout the study of citizenship, government and law, students will gain a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities as members of society. In addition, students will study consumer issues related to contracts, credit, purchasing goods and services, and career planning.

NOTE: This course fulfills the CONSUMER ED. graduation requirement.

Civics Honors
G190 (G790 Sem. 2) Grade 10
 Prerequisite: Department recommendation 0.5 credit
 Semester course; offered both semesters

This honors level course covers the American system of government, the American legal system, the criminal justice system, our rights and responsibilities as citizens, as well as consumer awareness and protection. Through the study of citizenship, government and law, students will gain a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities as members of society. In addition, students will study consumer issues related to contracts, credit, purchasing goods and services, and career planning. This course moves at a faster pace and goes into greater depth than regular level Civics. Students enrolling in this class should have excellent reading and writing skills.

NOTE: This course fulfills the CONSUMER ED. graduation requirement

World Geography
G084 (G684 Sem. 2) Grade 10
G118 (Category I Grade Weighting) 0.5 credit
 No prerequisite
 Semester course; offered both semesters

This one semester course is designed as an introductory course for Social Sciences. Students will examine the various regions of the world employing the five themes of geography with an emphasis on the interrelationship between people and the environment. Students will learn skills essential to the study of geography, including map reading, map making, and analysis of statistics.

World Geography Honors
G185 (G784 Sem.2) Grade 10
 Prerequisite: Departmental approval 0.5 credit
 Semester course; offered both semesters

This one-semester course offers a more in-depth investigation of the physical world than the regular level of geography and the interrelationship between people and the environment. Students will learn skills essential to the study of geography, including map reading, map making, and analysis of statistics.

Global Social Foundations*
MSA3801 (MSA3802 Sem. 2) Grade 10, 11, 12
 Prerequisite: Departmental approval 0.5 credit
 Semester course

Culture is the totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, intuitions, and other artifacts of human work and thought. Society is the context in which this culture is manifested. This course examines the foundations of various cultures from a diverse cross-section of societies around the world.

American Studies Honors
E062 Grade 11
 Prerequisite: Department recommendation 2 credit
 Year course

This course is team-taught by a teacher from both English and Social Studies departments. The course combines American literature and U.S. History with emphasis on the cultural, political, economic, social and intellectual history of the United States. Students enrolling in this course should have excellent reading and writing skills. The required United States Constitution exam will be included in the first semester. This two-period course allows student to earn two full credits, on in English and one in Social Studies.



U. S. History

G102 Grade 11
G119 (Category 1 Grade Weighting) 1 credit
 Prerequisite: Appropriate level placement
 by Department Chair
 Year course

This is a year course required for high school graduation. The course will assist students who need specialized and individualized instruction in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills to support the understanding of U.S. History. This chronological survey begins in the colonial period and continues to the late 20th Century. This course incorporates the mandatory United States Constitution Exam, which is included in a unit of instruction during the first semester.

U. S. History Regular

G107 Grade 11
 Prerequisite: Appropriate level placement
 by Department Chair 1 credit
 Year course

This is a year course required for high school graduation. The course is a chronological survey of American History. It covers America's growth from the colonial period and continues to the late 20th Century. The mandatory United States Constitution Exam will be included as a unit of instruction during the first semester.

AP U.S. History

G106 Grade 11
 Prerequisite: Department recommendation 1 credit
 Year course

The Advanced Placement program in American History is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with a variety of issues and problems connected to American History. This demanding program of study prepares students for college-level coursework by making demands on them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. The course takes a chronological approach to United States history and will teach students how to analyze and interpret primary sources, including documentary materials, maps, statistical tables, and pictorial and graphic evidence of

historical events. Students will learn to take notes from printed materials and lectures or discussions, write essay examinations, and write analytical and research papers. Students will be expected as part of the course to take the AP examination in the spring. Outstanding achievement on the examination may result in receiving college credit for the class.

Issues in America

G194 (G694Sem. 2) Grade 11, 12
 Prerequisite: World History 0.5 credit
 Semester course

This is a one-semester course designed to study events in post World War II America. The course will cover challenges that the U.S. has faced in its recent past and present. The focus is on contemporary events that impact our lives.

African Histories*

MSA3810 (MSA3811 Sem. 2) Grade 10, 11, 12
 Prerequisite: Departmental recommendation 0.5 credit
 Semester course

The nations and peoples of Africa have a rich history that significantly predates western divination. This course examines the history of selected areas and nation-states using the tools and strategies of modern social science.

African-American History

G122 (G722 Sem. 2) Grade 12
 No Prerequisite: 0.5 credit
 Semester course; offered both semesters

This course is designed to cover the African-American experience from its origins in Africa to the current efforts in the United States toward true equality. The course offers a historical, cultural, and literary perspective to the African-American experience in the U. S. and the impact of African-American culture on U. S. history. Course activities include classroom discussions, journal writing, projects, and personal experiences.

Eastern Histories*

MSA3810 (MSA3811 Sem. 2) Grade 10, 11, 12
 Prerequisite: Department recommendation 0.5 credit
 Semester course

The Asian and Pan-Asian portions for the world have a rich history that significantly predates western civilization. This course examines the history of selected areas and nation states using the tools and strategies of modern social science.

Latin-American History

G385 (G585Sem. 2) Grade 11, 12
 No Prerequisite: 0.5 credit
 Semester course; offered both semesters

This course consists of a survey of social, political, and economic trends in Spanish America from the 15th to the 21st Centuries. Both the differences and similarities in the development of Latin American countries will be studied. In addition, the course will provide students with insights as to how humans can provide different solutions to similar problems.

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Criminal Justice

X050

Grade 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: World Civilization Honors

0.5 credit

Semester course

This semester course is a survey of the criminal justice system, including the agencies, legal terminology and processes involved in the administration of criminal justice. It provides an overview of police, prosecution, courts, and the correctional system. AN analysis of crimes and their proof in context of practical fact situations along with the problems of the administration of justice in a democratic society are also discussed.

Sociology

G097 (G730 Sem. 2)

Grade 11, 12

No Prerequisite

0.5 credit

Semester course; offered both semesters

This course introduces students to sociological theories and terminology necessary to explain and analyze social behavior among humans. Students will learn how to use the scientific method for studies. Students who are entering "people-centered" occupations - law and police work, social services, teaching, and the medical and health related professions -should consider sociology.

Psychology

G098 (G731 Sem. 2)

Grade 11, 12

No Prerequisite

0.5 credit

Semester course; offered both semesters

This course is the study of human behavior. Critical thinking is

used to evaluate theories and hypotheses. Topics covered in this course include early development, personality theory, learning, the brain, and careers in psychology.

Illinois, Chicago, and Local History

G124 (G724Sem.2)

Grade 11, 12

No Prerequisite

0.5 credit

Semester course; offered both semesters

This semester course will broaden students' understanding of the historical, political, economic, and social history of the communities that serve Proviso Township High Schools, as well as the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago.

Independent Study in Social Studies

G501

Grade 11, 12

Prerequisite: Departmental approval

0.5 to 1 credit

One or two semester course

Independent study must be appropriately designed and approved. The course will cover the knowledge and skills identified by the student working in cooperation with the selected faculty member.

