



Social Studies

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Required courses:

- U. S. History (1 year)
- Economics (1 semester)
- Government (1 semester)
- World History (1 year)
- AP Classes can be taken to fill these requirements for graduation.

Typical schedule:

- 9th Grade

 - U.S. History 2 semesters

 - *AP Human Geo 2 semesters

- 10th Grade

 - Economics 1 semester

 - Government 1 semester

- 11th Grade

 - World History 2 semesters

*Some of these can be substituted by an AP class or taken in addition to an AP class

Social Studies Elective Courses

- ▣ AP Human Geography (9-12th grade)
- ▣ AP Economics (10-12th grade)
- ▣ AP Government (10-12th grade)
- ▣ AP U.S. History (11-12th grade)
- ▣ College and Career/SAT prep (11th grade)
- ▣ AP World History (11th-12th grade)
- ▣ AP Psychology (11-12th grade)
- ▣ Psychology (11th-12th grade only)
- ▣ Sociology (11th-12th grade only)

Advanced Placement (AP) What is the benefit?

- AP
 - Created by College Board, **which also does SAT Testing**
 - A national curriculum
 - Exams given in early May
 - Students **may earn college credit** for passing exam
 - AP classes are given a **.5 GPA grade bump**

What is AP Human Geography?

- It is the study of the patterns & processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the Earth's surface
- Students examine human social organization & environmental consequences of our actions
- It is an incredibly interesting combination of history, culture, technology, and current events.
- It is the only AP Class offered to 9th graders
 - Units include:
 - Intro to geography
 - Population/Migration
 - Culture
 - Political Development

Why take AP Human Geography?

- Students who take AP classes are more like to graduate from college.*
- It is the only AP class offered to freshmen & is an early opportunity to be academically challenged.
- **Must have an A average in middle school Social Studies classes.**
- Possibility to earn college credit while still in high school, at a small fraction of the price
- Teaches organization, time management, & study skills. Helps prepare them for the demands of high school and college.

* Mathews, John. "The 100 Best High Schools." Newsweek. March 13, 2000.