

SOCIAL STUDIES

#Washington State History	1 Trimester
Grade	9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisites	None
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course include study of the Constitution of the state of Washington and should include information on the culture, history, and government of the American Indian people who were the first inhabitants of the state.</p>	

#World Geography	1 Trimester
Grade	9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisites	Freshman Year
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course is designed to review and develop basic skills and concepts in the social sciences. Critical thinking, thesis development, technical essay writing and introduction to advanced research techniques will be stressed areas of academic development. Reoccurring themes of this class are geography, cultural diversity, economics, and politics; as well as, cultural development and cultural interactions. Students also make connections between regional and current world problems with special emphasis on the Pacific Rim and Asia as culture regions.</p>	

#World History	2 Trimesters
Grade	10, 11, 12
Prerequisites	Sophomore Status
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course spans from 1450 to modern times using a thematic approach. Units of study for Trimester A include studying the Renaissance, Reformation, Scientific Revolution, French Revolution, Industrial Revolution, and Imperialism. For Trimester B, units will include studying of the World Wars, Holocaust and modern genocide, The cold War, and modern day. As time permits current events will also be studied. Emphasis is placed on critical reading, note-taking, and critical reasoning.</p>	

Local History	1 Trimester
Grade	10, 11, 12
Prerequisites	Sophomore Status
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>The course focuses primarily on the history of Washington state and how its development coincides with the development of the town of Prosser and the Yakima valley. Students would examine the roots of our small town and the valley while using research, inquiry, collaboration and critical thinking skills. The approach to the course would be a chronological timeline of the town and valley's development but also thematic with major milestones and events guiding the topics of study.</p>	

Latin American History	1 Trimester
Grade	10, 11, 12
Prerequisites	None
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course covers the major themes and concepts of Latin American History pre-colonial to present. Use and analysis of primary courses and the development of writing skills are emphasized. Some themes taught include pre-colonial time and colonial times, revolutions and independence and present Latin America. It is an interactive class, with student participation in debates and discussions.</p>	

Sports in History	1 Trimester
Grade	10, 11, 12
Prerequisites	None
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course will provide students historical knowledge about the origins and development of various sports in the United States, including the Olympics, football, baseball, and basketball. Students will analyze and understand how sports were affected by historical events and vice versa. Students will also learn a greater appreciation for the issues that have affected sports such as gender, discrimination, and racism.</p>	

#U.S. History	2 Trimesters
Grade	11, 12
Prerequisites	None
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course covers the major themes and concepts of American History from pre-settlement to present. Use and analysis of primary courses and the development of writing skills are emphasized. Some themes taught include Native Americans, the Civil War, Slavery, World War I and II, and the 1960's. It is an interactive class, with student participation in debates and discussions being critical.</p>	

#AP U.S. History	3 Trimesters
Grade	11, 12
Prerequisites	Grade Requirement and Teacher Recommendation
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course is a college level class, with an emphasis on development of the skills of writing and analysis. It covers the period from settlement and exploration to the present. Students interested in this course are encouraged to take Honors World History course as a sophomore and must have the instructor's permission to enroll in this class. Some out-of-class reading and participation in study groups will be required, as this class prepares student for a three hour AP exam taken in May, which could result in college credit being awarded.</p>	

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#Civics (Am Gov)	1 Trimester
Grade	12
Prerequisites	Senior Status
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course covers the structure and function of government, the Constitution, the Media, political campaigns, current issues and debates, and citizenship. An emphasis is placed on student interaction with government at the local, state, and national level. Writing skills developed at the lower grades are put to use in professional presentations and term papers. This is a one-semester course required for all seniors for graduation.</p>	

#Ethnic Studies	1 Trimester
Grade	12
Prerequisites	Senior Status
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course counts as one of your senior electives, although juniors are allowed to take the course with permission. In this class we study issues of race in America, different ethnic cultures and identities, and there is a considerable amount of hands on work, including a semester project the student designs. Specifically, we study African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Latinos. There is required reading for the course. The House on Mango Street, and Savage Inequalities. It is a class where participation and an open mind are required.</p>	

#Law and Justice	1 Trimester
Grade	12
Prerequisites	Junior/Senior Status
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course will enable students to explore the criminal and civil justice systems in Washington State. Students will learn about rights of the accused and the trial process. Researching and debating current issues is an integral part of the curriculum. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a mock trial. One of the course requirements includes attending a field trip to the Benton County Justice Center (to observe court proceedings) and jail, where students get a "first hand" look at our justice system. For those students interested in a career related to the law, there are opportunities to speak with detectives, judges, lawyers, and corrections officers.</p>	

#Psychology	1 Trimester
Grade	12
Prerequisites	Senior Status
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course provides an overview of all types of human behavior: foundational theories and approaches, development psychology, conflict and adjustment, abnormal behavior, learning and personality development. A term project is required.</p>	

#Military History	1 Trimester
Grade	12
Prerequisites	Senior Status
Credit Type	Social Studies
<p>This course includes the studies American military history from the 20th century to the present. Areas of emphasis include World War II, The Vietnam War, Iraq and Afghanistan, along with military life and veterans' issues. Included in the class is videos and films which feature war violence and some language. Students should take this into account when registering for the class. This class satisfies the senior elective requirement for social studies.</p>	

#Consumer Economics	1 Trimester
Grade	11, 12
Prerequisites	None
Credit Type	Social Studies or Vocational/Occupational Ed/CTE
<p>Economics is the study of how individuals, families, communities, and nations make choices regarding their use of scarce resources to fill their needs and wants. Students will study their roles in market society, including the areas of taxes, insurance, financing, budgets, and the Federal Reserve. This course meets the senior social studies elective requirement, but it does not meet requirement in social Studies for college admission.</p>	

Personal Finance	1 Trimester
Grade	11, 12
Prerequisites	None
Credit Type	Vocational/Occupational Ed/CTE or Social Studies
<p>Personal Finance is a course designed to help students understand the impact of individual choices on occupational goals and future earnings potential. Topics covered will include income, money management, spending and credit, as well as saving and investing. Students will design personal and household budgets, simulate use of checking and savings accounts, demonstrate knowledge of finance, debt, and credit management, and evaluate and understand insurance and taxes. This course will provide a foundational understanding for making informed personal financial decisions.</p>	