

## Social Science Department

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### Course choice for each grade level

<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civics (NCAA)</li><li>• Civics Honors (NCAA)</li><li>• AP Comparative Government &amp; Politics (SEMESTER 2 ONLY) (NCAA)</li><li>• Consumer Economics/Personal Finance (NCAA)</li></ul>
<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP World History (NCAA)</li><li>• Modern World History (NCAA)</li><li>• Psychology (Elective) (NCAA)</li><li>• Sociology (Elective) (NCAA)</li><li>• AP Comparative Government &amp; Politics (SEMESTER 2 ONLY) (NCAA)</li><li>• World Geography</li><li>• U.S. Ethnic Studies African American in the U.S.</li></ul>
<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP United States History (NCAA)</li><li>• United States History (NCAA)</li></ul>
<b>12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP Human Geography (NCAA)</li><li>• U.S. Ethnic Studies African American in the U.S.</li><li>• AP Psychology (Elective) (NCAA)</li><li>• Psychology (Elective) (NCAA)</li><li>• Sociology (Elective) (NCAA)</li><li>• World Geography</li><li>• Political Science Changes in Law</li><li>• Government Politics and Law Independent Studies</li></ul>

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### 40510      Civics

**Course Information:** ½ credit; grade 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** Civics courses examine the general structure and functions of U.S. systems of government, the roles and responsibilities of citizens to participate in the political process, and the relationship of the individual to the law and legal system. These courses do not typically delve to the same degree of detail into constitutional principles or the role of political parties and interest groups as do comprehensive courses in U.S. Government.

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### 40572      AP Comparative Government and Politics

**Course Information:** ½ credit; grades 9, 10

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** AP Course Following the College Board's suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level Comparative Government and Politics courses, these courses offer students an understanding of the world's diverse political structures and practices. The courses encompass the study of both specific countries and general concepts used to interpret the key political relationships found in virtually all national policies. Course content generally includes sovereignty, authority, and power; political institutions; the relationships among citizens, society, and the state; political and economic change; and public policy.

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### 40923      Consumer Economics/Personal Finance (NCAA)

**Course Information:** ½ credit; grade 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** Consumer Economics/Personal Finance courses provide students with an understanding of the concepts and principles involved in managing one's personal finances. These courses emphasize lifespan goal-setting, individual and family decision making, and consumer rights as well as topics that are commonly associated with personal finance so that one can become a financially responsible consumer. Topics may include savings and investing, credit, insurance, taxes and social security, spending patterns and budget planning, contracts, and consumer protection. These courses may also investigate the effects of the global economy on consumers and the family.

#### **40551 AP Human Geography (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** 1 credit; grade 12

**Prerequisite:** Teacher recommendation, and “C” or better in previous Geography Course

**Description:** Following the College Board’s suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level Human Geography courses, AP Human Geography introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped the ways in which humans understand, use, and alter the earth’s surface. Students use spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences and also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice.

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#### **50511 Modern World History (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** ½ Credit per semester; grades 10, 12

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** Modern World History courses provide an overview of the history of human society in the past few centuries— from the Renaissance period, or later, to the contemporary period—exploring political, economic, social, religious, military, scientific, and cultural developments.

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#### **50551 AP World History (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** 1 Credit; grade 10

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** AP Course Following the College Board’s suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level World History courses, AP World History courses examine world history from 8000 BCE to the present with the aim of helping students make connections of historical evolution across times and places. These courses highlight the interaction.

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#### **50561 World Geography (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** ½ Credit; grades: 10, 12

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** World Geography courses provide students with an overview of world geography, but may vary widely in the topics they cover. Topics typically include the physical environment; the political landscape; the relationship Social Sciences and History between people and the land; economic production and development; and the movement of people, goods, and ideas.

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**60550 AP United States History (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** 1 credit; grade: 11

**Prerequisite:** Teacher recommendation and “C” or better in previous Social Studies course

**Description:** AP Course Following the College Board’s suggested curriculum designed to parallel college-level U.S. History courses, AP U.S. History courses provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to address critical problems and materials in U.S. history. Students learn to assess historical materials and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. The course examines the discovery and settlement of the New World through the recent past.

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**60510 United States History (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** 1 credit; grade: 11

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** United States History is a yearlong course required of all junior level students. United States History will cover the history of the United States from industrialization of the United States to present. United States history enables students to gain a better understanding of the American past so they are able to deal with the American future. United States History combines many aspects of our heritage; economics, philosophy, politics, religion, geography, and government.

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**70510 Sociology (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** ½ Credit; grades: 10, 12

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** Sociology courses introduce students to the study of human behavior in society. These courses provide an overview of sociology, generally including (but not limited to) topics such as social institutions and norms, socialization and social change, and the relationships among individuals and groups in society.

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**70520 AP Psychology (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** 1 credit; grade 12

**Prerequisite:** Teacher recommendation, and “C” or better in previous Social Studies course

**Description:** Psychology is an introductory college prep course geared to those planning to go to college and to those with a keen interest in aspects of human behavior. Vocabulary and concepts are stressed to give the student a working understanding of the subject matter. Major topics include learning, perception, personality, and disturbance, state of consciousness, the brain, and research in psychology.

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**70540 Psychology (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** ½ credit; grades 10, 12

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** This course introduces students to the study of individual human behavior. Course content typically includes (but is not limited to) an overview of the field of psychology topics in human growth and development personality and behavior, and abnormal psychology.

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**70501 U. S. Ethnic Studies African Americans in the United States (NCAA)**

**Course Information:** 1 credit; grades 10, 12

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** US Ethnic Studies courses examine the history, politics, economics, society, and/or culture of one or more of the racial/ethnic groups in the United States. These courses may focus primarily on the history of an individual racial/ethnic group or may take a more comprehensive approach to studying the contemporary issues affecting racial/ethnic groups overall.

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**40571I Government, Politics and Law—Independent Studies**

**Course Information:** 1 credit; grade 12

**Prerequisite:** Classification and Administrative Approval

**Description:** Government, Politics, and Law—Independent Study courses, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topics of interest within one of the fields of Government, Politics, and Law. These courses may provide students with an opportunity to expand their expertise in a particular specialization, to explore a topic of special interest, or to develop more advanced skills.