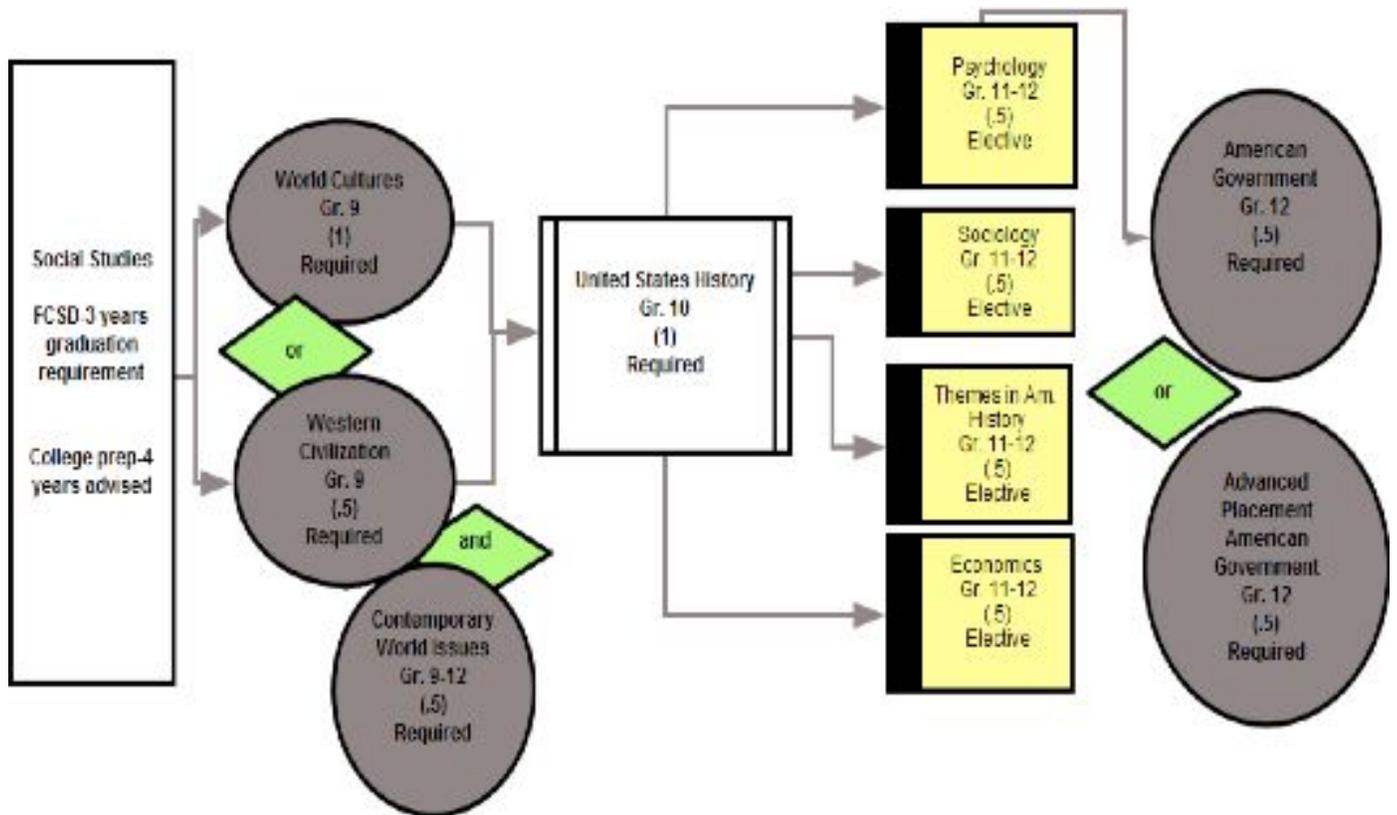


SOCIAL STUDIES



WORLD CULTURES: - Semester Course

Course #: 2703

Credit: 1

Required: Grade 9

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

World Cultures is an in-depth study of the geography, people, and insures of the non-western world. World Cultures focuses on the regions of Africa, Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia and Latin America. This course emphasizes the study of people, their traditions, customs, history, religion, music, literature and art.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Students must have a desire to improve themselves and must possess a strong work ethic to be successful in this class. Students must have an open mind to new ideas and have basic skills in using the computer and library for research. Students are required to participate in class.

Specific Outcomes:

1. Students will demonstrate basic geography skills and an understanding of how geography influences the culture of a region.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of global interdependence as it occurs through the exchange of goods and ideas.
3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of different elements of culture (social organization, customs, traditions, language, arts, literature, government and religion).
4. Students will demonstrate a respect and appreciation for the historical and contemporary contributions of diverse cultural groups to society.
5. Students will demonstrate research and writing skills as they complete projects.
6. Students will demonstrate skills in creative and critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making that will enable them to meet the challenges of a changing world.
7. Students will demonstrate an ability to use the internet for research or a means of communication with people around the world.
8. Students will demonstrate an understanding of major sources of tension and conflict in the contemporary world efforts that have been made to address them.
9. Students will demonstrate an understanding of long term changes and recurring patterns in world history.

Careers Related To Content:

Travel Agent, Tour Guide, Museum Operator, Journalism, Marketing, International Law, Ambassador, Public Relations Manager, Historian, Genealogist, Investment Services, Archeologist, Commercial Airline Employee, Military Service, Diplomat, CIA, International Industry and Education.

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WESTERN CIVILIZATION: - Semester Course

Course #: 2713

Credit: 1

Elective: Grade 10-12

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

Western Civilization is a course that focuses on Europe. This course takes a thematic approach to the development of Western Civilization from the Age of Exploration through the present time. Various themes such as nationalism, international conflicts, the Renaissance, Imperialism, Industrialism, and other selected themes will be included during the semester. The course will center on making history relevant to the world as it exists today.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Students must be able to cooperate well with others. They must be disciplined enough to get the assigned reading completed on time, along with the written assignment. The student must be able to respect the opinions of others in the class.

Specific Outcomes – The Student Will Be Expected To:

1. Understand the concept of cause and effect on the historical process.
2. Identify places and persons significant in the historical development of Europe.
3. Describe the differences between primary and secondary sources, fact and opinion, inference and judgment.
4. Identify the current nation-states in Europe.
5. Relate current news reports to material presented in the course.
6. Make relevant oral comments on questions asked in large and small groups.
7. Write short responses to describe, compare and evaluate written, visual or oral presentations.
8. Locate, use, and interpret social studies materials.
9. Read and interpret maps and graphs.
10. Develop desirable social skills which will create respect for the basic rights, feelings, and opinions of others.

Careers Related to Content:

Archeology, Education, Law, Linguistics, Travel Consultant, Airline Employment, Politics, Military Service, Tour Guide.

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U.S. HISTORY: - Full Year Course

Course #: 2721 – 2722

Credit: 2

Required: Grade 10

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

This class will examine and analyze the course of United States history from the 1870's to the present. Special emphasis will be placed upon; immigration and industrialization, imperialism, progressivism, World War I, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, the Cold War , the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, and Watergate.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Students will need to have good reading and writing skills. Students should also possess critical thinking skills and be a good listener.

Specific Outcomes- Students will be Expected To:

1. Have a greater understanding and appreciation of recent domestic and foreign policies.
2. Have a greater understanding as to how the United States government forms domestic and foreign policies.
3. Have a better appreciation of democratic process.
4. Clearly recall and state facts, ideas, opinions and interpretations.
5. Understand and appreciate America's history as a part of an on going story.
6. Develop the ability to read critically, to evaluate evidence, separate fact and opinion, and distinguish between primary and secondary account.
7. Gain insight and interest into current political, economic, culture and social problems.

Career Related to Content:

Education, Business, Economics, Political Science, Journalism, Public Relations, and Politics.

SOCIAL STUDIES

A.P. U.S. HISTORY: - Full Year Course

Course #: 04104

Credit: 2

Required: Grade 10

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

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 critically 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.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Students will need to have good reading and writing skills. Students should also possess critical thinking skills and be a good listener.

Specific Outcomes- Students will be Expected To:

1. Have a greater understanding and appreciation of recent domestic and foreign policies.
2. Have a greater understanding as to how the United States government forms domestic and foreign policies.
3. Have a better appreciation of democratic process.
4. Clearly recall and state facts, ideas, opinions and interpretations.
5. Understand and appreciate America's history as a part of an on going story.
6. Develop the ability to read critically, to evaluate evidence, separate fact and opinion, and distinguish between primary and secondary account.
7. Gain insight and interest into current political, economic, culture and social problems.

Career Related to Content:

Education, Business, Economics, Political Science, Journalism, Public Relations, and Politics.

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CONTEMPORARY WORLD ISSUES: - Semester Course

Course #: 2752

Credit: 1

Elective:

Grades: 11 or 12

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

This course will study current political, economic, and social issues facing the world without an emphasis on the United States. Special emphasis will be placed upon; Human Rights/Genocide, Globalization, Movement of Peoples, Global Health Issues, Environmental Issues, and World Conflicts.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Students will need to have good reading, writing, and research skills, critical thinking skills and be a good listener.

Specific Outcomes – Students will be Expected To:

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of major sources of tension and conflict in the contemporary world.
2. Students will demonstrate skills in critical thinking and problem solving for research.
3. Student will expand their knowledge of world issues.

Careers Related to Content:

Politics, International studies, Law, Education

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THEMES IN AMERICAN HISTORY: - Semester Course

Course #: 2743

Credit: 1

Elective: Grades 11 - 12 (Meets Social Studies Elective Requirement)

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

This course will study various themes in American history. Each theme will be studied from colonial times up to the present. Such themes might include war, music, race relations, and religion. These are only examples and the students will also pick topics to study. Instructions will include discussion, team competition, lectures, simulations, and independent study.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Students must be able to cooperate well with others. They must be disciplined enough to get the assigned reading completed on time along with the written assignments. The student must respect the opinions of others in the class.

Specific Outcomes -- The Student Will Be Expected To:

1. Understand the concept of cause and effect on the historical process.
2. Identify places and persons significant in the historical development of the United States.
3. Describe the difference between primary and secondary sources, fact and opinion, inference and judgment.
4. Interpret political cartoons.
5. Identify the states and capitals of the United States.
6. Relate current news reports to material presented in the course.
7. Develop skills in locating, using, and interpreting social studies materials.
8. Express ideas and opinions in a logical and organized manner.
9. Responsible to ask questions on matters with which he/she disagrees.

Careers Related to Content:

Politics, military service, archeology, law, education, travel consultant.

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PSYCHOLOGY: - Semester Course

Course #: 2763

Credit: 1

Elective: Grades 11 – 12 (Meets Social Studies Elective Requirement)

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

Psychology is a one semester course designed to help understand ourselves and others. Students will learn about the nature of psychology, personality theory, development, and therapy, nature of learning, body sensations and perception, stress and conflict, altered states of consciousness, psychological testing, and classical and operant conditioning.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Students must be able to participate in experiments, organize time, develop vocabulary, state position both verbally and written, and read for content and personal gain.

Specific Outcomes – The Student Will Be Expected To:

1. Become familiar with various functions and parts of the nervous system.
2. Understand the functions of motivation, emotion, and theories of needs.
3. Compare and contrast the advantages and disadvantages of selected altered states of consciousness.
4. Describe the principles and techniques of classical and operant conditioning.
5. Understand the different theories that account for memory and forgetting, plus the different types of memory systems.
6. Become familiar with the function of the brain.
7. Understand the history of the discipline of Psychology.
8. Track the interconnectivity between needs and: biology, psychological state, social factors, and environmental factors.

Careers Related to Content:

Clinical and Research Psychology, Law, Business, Sociology, Communications, Guidance and Counseling, Education, Human Services, Personnel Administration, Most Medical Fields.

SOCIAL STUDIES

SOCIOLOGY: - Semester Course

Course #: 2753

Credit: 1

Elective: Grades 11 – 12 (Meets Social Studies Elective Requirement)

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

Sociology is a semester course designed to give the student an understanding of human group behavior and current social problems. Areas covered include: culture, conformity and defiance, roles and relationships, social stratification, the family, religion, education, childhood, socialization, adolescence, adult years, discrimination, poverty, crime, and the use of the scientific method.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Read, write, express opinions, cooperate, listens, be responsible.

Specific Outcomes – The Student Will Be Expected To:

1. Learn information related to broad social concepts.
2. Clearly state and write opinions and ideas.
3. Develop understanding of human group behavior.
4. Analyze critically and constructively themselves and society.
5. Understand how the institutions of family, government, religion, and pop culture play roles in society.
6. Understand the history of the discipline of Sociology.
7. Define solutions to problems faced in our society.

Careers Related to Content:

Education, Human Relations, Communications, Writing, Journalism, Therapy, Social work, Homemaking/parent, Business, Marketing, Political Science.

SOCIAL STUDIES

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: - Semester Course

Course #: 2783

Credit: 1

Required: Grade 12 (Meets American Government Requirement)

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

Government is a one semester course designed to introduce students to our unique form of American government including: rights and responsibilities of citizenship, the three branches of government, and the role of state and local government in our federal system.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

Read, write, listen, express opinions, cooperate, and take responsibility for assigned tasks.

Specific Outcomes – The Student Will Be Expected To:

1. Acquire information on the workings of American government.
2. Expand their knowledge and interest of current political issues.
3. Comprehend and appreciate opposing political views.
4. Complete project-based learning on several areas of Federal Government.
5. Understanding rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
6. Be able to follow a current or past election campaign.

Careers Related to Content:

Politics, government service, Education, and law related professions

SOCIAL STUDIES

ECONOMICS: - Semester Course

Course #: 2773

Credit: 1

Elective: Grade 11 – 12 (Meets Social Studies Elective Requirement)

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

This course is designed to be practical. In addition to economic principles of meeting needs and wants, there will be practical consideration to individual strategies of: Saving, Investment, and overall Economic decision making. This course will also look at economics at the global level and how the economics of the world are connected. Guest speakers, internet usage and cooperative activities will be included.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In The Class:

A genuine curiosity of how to make informed financial decisions is the most important characteristic to succeeding in this class. Students should be good listeners and also be willing to actively participate in economic decisions. Skills related to reading, writing and internet usage will all play a role in succeeding in this class.

Specific Outcomes – The Student Will Be Expected To:

1. Have a greater understanding of how the free enterprise system works.
2. Have developed knowledge and strategies for wise planning and participation in their financial futures.
3. Students learn investment strategies and stock market basics.

Careers Related to Content:

Business, sales, banking, brokers, financial planners and consumerism

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U.S. GEOGRAPHY EASTERN: 1ST Semester Course

Course #: 2819

Credit: 1

Elective: Grade 9 – 12

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

This course is designed to teach students about the United States and its resources. The information taught includes ecology, state capitals, and relevant state facts, location of major cities, waterways, transportation and population.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In This Class:

Students need to be able to read, write and complete assignments accurately.

Specific Outcomes: -- The student will be expected to:

1. Identify all states and their capitals.
2. Identify natural resources available in the United States.
3. Choose a state to research and present to the class.
4. Identify major waterways in United States.
5. Identify environmental concerns.

Careers Related To Content: Travel consultant, education and political science.

U.S. GEOGRAPHY WESTERN: 2nd Semester Course

Course #: 2820

Credit: 1

Elective: Grade 9 – 12

Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

This course is designed to teach students about the United States and its resources. The information taught includes ecology, state capitals, and relevant state facts, location of major cities, waterways, transportation and population.

Skills Needed To Be Successful In This Class:

Students need to be able to read, write and complete assignments accurately.

Specific Outcomes: -- The student will be expected to:

1. Identify all states and their capitals.
2. Identify natural resources available in the United States.
3. Choose a state to research and present to the class.
4. Identify major waterways in United States.
5. Identify environmental concerns.

Careers Related To Content: Travel consultant, education and political science.