



SOCIAL STUDIES

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Social Studies teaches the understanding of different cultures, attitudes and behaviors in our world today. Courses emphasize the role of the United States and the skills necessary for citizenship in American democracy. We live in a global society where mature social concepts, both on domestic and international levels, are necessary for peace and progress.

GLOBAL STUDIES I

SOC130 GLOBAL STUDIES I
Required: Grade 9. **One half unit**
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

This one semester course provides an introduction to the comparative study of cultures and religions throughout world history. The course concludes with a historical study of world conflict as it pertains to culture and religion. Emphasis is also placed on the study of genocide throughout the world. Development of reading and critical thinking is stressed.

GLOBAL STUDIES II

SOC140 GLOBAL STUDIES II
Required: Grades 9, 10. **One half unit**
Prerequisite: Global Studies I
Grade Weight: College Prep

This one semester course provides an introduction to the comparative study of politics and financial systems throughout world history. The course concludes with a historical study of global conflict as it pertains to politics and the fight to control resources. Development of reading and critical thinking is stressed.

ACADEMY GLOBAL STUDIES

SOC101 SOC102 ACD GLOBSTUD
Required: Grade 9. **One unit**
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

The learning environment of this course, which features smaller class sizes and specialized instructional techniques, creates a positive experience in freshman Global Studies while accomplishing the same learning outcomes as in Global Studies I and Global Studies II. Students use examples from world history to study multiple cultures, religions, politics, financial systems and global conflicts. The ultimate goal of this course is to prepare students for future success in any Social Studies course at Leyden High Schools.

GLOBAL STUDIES HONORS

SOC161 SOC162 GLOBSTU HN
Required: Grade 9. **One unit**
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: Honors

This survey course provides an introduction to the comparative study of geography, culture, religion, political science, economics, and genocide. Each semester concludes with the study of world conflict as it pertains to the areas covered during that particular semester. The course focuses on the development of writing, reading, research and critical thinking skills. The academic rigor is significantly greater than other Global Studies courses. Student performance is expected to be of the highest quality.

EUROPEAN HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

SOC221 SOC222 EURO HIST AP
Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. **One unit**
Prerequisite: Global Studies I and II or Global Studies Honors
Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

The study of European History since 1450 introduces students to cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Without this knowledge, we would lack the context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions and the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current artistic expression and intellectual discourse. In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goal of the AP program in European History is to develop an understanding of the principal themes in modern European History, an ability to analyze historical evidence and interpretation, and an ability to express historical understanding in writing. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 15.

POLITICAL SCIENCE HONORS

SOC231 SOC232 POL.SCI HN
Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. **One unit**
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: Honors

This course challenges students to develop informed opinions and increase awareness of political ideologies. Students examine the original concepts of government and contemporary applications of constitutional principles. Current domestic and international governmental policy issues are examined. Special emphasis is placed on United States laws and the court system. Students study political theory and analyze political ideologies and comparative governments.

LAW

SOC240

LAW

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One half unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course deals with the study of jurisprudence and the American court system. The focus of material includes Constitutional Law, family Law, and Criminal Law. Students will engage in a mock trial. Special emphasis is placed on the development of reading, writing, technology, and oral presentation skills.

GEOGRAPHY

SOC210

GEOGRAPHY

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One half unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

A one-semester course, students learn the interrelations between people and their physical environment. Students learn the five themes of geography and how they apply to the United States. Special emphasis is placed on development of reading, writing, technology, and oral presentation skills.

REGIONAL STUDIES - Latin America

SOC260

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Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One half unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course provides a study of the people and culture of Mexico, Cuba and Brazil. Attention is paid to how the history, art and music of the regions have shaped their current reality. Special emphasis is placed on the development of reading, writing, technology, and oral presentation skills.

WESTERN CIVILIZATION I

SOC270

WEST CIV I

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One half unit.

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This survey course examines people and the development of institutions that have shaped Western culture from the beginning of time to the Renaissance/Reformation. Attention is placed on the evolution of government, specifically democracy, economic institutions, different cultures and the arts. Extensive reading is required. Special emphasis is placed on development of writing, technology, and oral presentation skills.

UNITED STATES HISTORY AMERICAN STUDIES HONORS

SOC371 SOC372

AS/USHIST

Elective: Grade 11. 2 Units
(1 for English III Honors; 1 for United States History Honors)

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Honors

"What is an American?" This question and many more are explored in American Studies, a course where students gain insight into what we've done as a nation and what we've thought, felt, and dreamt. The synergy of topics in American history and American literature provides more material, modes, and time for asking essential questions about nation's development. By exploring recurring themes in literature and history, students recognize the connectedness of human experience. Ultimately, they gain a better understanding of the development of the United States and their roles as citizens in this nation. An additional focus will be upon developing the skills for students to think independently, reason, and apply knowledge to better understand the world around them. This course fulfills both the English III and U. S. History requirements for graduation. Students must enroll in both English III and U. S. History concurrently. Preparation for the U.S. and Illinois Constitution exams, both graduation requirements, is offered in this class.

UNITED STATES HISTORY

SOC311 SOC312

US HIST

Required: Grade 11. One unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

U. S. History is a chronological study of the major political, economic, social and cultural events from the creation of the Constitution to the present. The importance of geography in the development of the nation is stressed as well as the role played by important persons. Attention is given to the impact of art and music on our history. Students also learn about current issues and problems and their connection to events of the past. Preparation for the U.S. and Illinois Constitution exams, both graduation requirements, is offered in this class.

UNITED STATES HISTORY HONORS

SOC321 SOC322

US HIST HN

Required: Grade 11. One unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: Honors

This course covers the same content as U. S. History, but more emphasis is placed on depth of subject matter. Attention is given to ideas, cause and effect relationships, supplemental readings, and research work. The study of the past is used in an attempt to understand contemporary issues and problems. Critical thinking, problem solving, role playing, interpretation of primary sources and oral recitation are required. Preparation for the U.S. and Illinois Constitution, both graduation requirements, is offered in this class.

UNITED STATES HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

SOC331 SOC332

US HIST AP

Advanced Placement

Required: Grade 11. One unit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This course is part of a national program which enables top students to obtain college credit for high school work. In preparation for the National Advanced Placement Exam, students will be expected to do extensive reading of primary source documents, develop analytical essays and demonstrate critical thinking skills by identifying significant themes in American history. This course chronologically examines the development of the United States. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14. Preparation for the U.S. and Illinois Constitution exams, graduation requirements, is offered in this class.

ECONOMICS

SOC350

ECONOMICS

Elective: Grade 11, 12. One half unit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course is designed to expose students to basic concepts in money management, including budgeting, the stock market, smart vs. dumb credit, running a small business, and how to make a profit. In addition students learn different theories of economics, the basic components of the free enterprise system, and the techniques our government uses to manage our money.

PSYCHOLOGY

SOC380

PSYCHOL

Elective: Grades 11, 12. One half unit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

This one-semester course is designed to expose students to the world of normal psychology. Attention is paid to the biology and chemistry of the human brain. Emphasis is placed on child and adolescent development and the formation of personality. This course requires reading, oral and written communication, and research skills.

*** ECONOMICS HONORS**

SOC440

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Elective: Grade 11, 12. One half unit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: Honors

Economics focuses on the areas of production, consumption, distribution of goods, price determination, government and the economy, economic stability and growth, comparative economics, classical and contemporary economic theories, and economic problems. Emphasis is placed on the structure and functioning of the free enterprise system and the quality of economic systems in general. **This course meets the consumer education graduation requirement.**

SOCIOLOGY HONORS

SOC 450

SOCIOL HN

Elective: Grades 11, 12. One half unit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: Honors

The course teaches the basic concepts, methods and perspectives of sociology as a social science in order to examine the basic nature of human relationships. Looking at customs, institutions, social structure, and culture, the course explores how these relationships affect our fundamental concerns and values, beliefs and behavior. The course considers such topics as family life, groups and organizations, sex and age roles, minorities and social classes, religious and political movements, and social problems.

SENIOR SEMINAR

SOC420

SENIOR SM

Elective: Grade 12. One half unit
Prerequisite: None
Grade Weight: College Prep

The senior seminar is an opportunity to explore a specific topic within the social sciences in depth over a semester. This seminar is intended to give students the personal experience of becoming a social scientist through a wide variety of skill building activities and projects. Chicago History is the topic for the 2008-09 school year.

* Meets Consumer Education requirement.