

Social Studies

The Social Studies department seeks to teach students how to critically examine events, societies and people in history from a variety of perspectives. Students will be encouraged to shape their current culture utilizing the knowledge gained while examining history through its political, social, economic and geographic trends. Students will exercise their critical thinking skills through the expressive modes of writing, speaking and hands-on activities as active historians rather than passive receptors of information.

Ancient History is required for 9th, Modern World History at 10th, U.S. History at 11th, Government and Current Issues at 12th.

<u>Grade 9</u>	<u>Grade 10</u>	<u>Grade 11</u>	<u>Grade 12</u>
Ancient History	Modern World History	U.S. History	U.S. Government & Current Issues
	Mod. World History (H)	U.S. History (H)	AP U.S./Comp. Govt & Politics(H)
	AP European History Online (H)	AP U.S. History (H)	AP U.S. History (H)
	AP World History (H)	AP European History Online (H)	AP European History Online (H)
	Investment/Global Economics	U.S. Military History	U.S. Military History
	AP Art History Online	AP Psychology	AP Psychology
		20 th Century American Culture	20 th Century American Culture
		AP World History (H)	AP World History (H)
		Investment/Global Economics	Investment/Global Economics
		AP Art History Online	AP Art History Online

20TH CENTURY AMERICAN CULTURE

In this elective course, we will be exploring music, movies, art, and television of 20th century America. Students will examine various works, discovering how they reflect American society during the time they were created and how this work set a foundation for future developments in their field. We will also look at how our interpretations of these pieces can reflect our personal values.

Prerequisite: US History (or concurrently)

Grade Level: 11, 12 Semesters: 1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EUROPEAN HISTORY ONLINE (H)

This course will be offered in an online format and examines the basic events and movements that occurred in Europe during the time period from approximately 1450 to the present. These events and movements are explored through three themes: intellectual and cultural history, political and diplomatic history, and social and economic history. In addition, students learn how to analyze historical documents and how to express their historical understanding in writing. This will be offered through Orange Lutheran High School Online in partnership with Wheaton Academy.

Prerequisite: Ancient History (freshman year): A or A-, teacher approval. **See General Honors/AP Course Requirements on page 16.**

Meets either Modern World History or elective credit.

Grade Level: 10, 11, 12 Semesters: 2

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ANCIENT HISTORY

This course will cover the time period from the Creation of the world (and the theories of the "Pre-historic" Age) through the Middle Ages. The class will focus on the development of civilization and emphasize the ancient "Biblical" people groups including Israel, Egypt, Babylon, Phoenicia, Assyria, Neo-Babylonia, and Persia. The class will examine the contributions of Greece and Rome that have shaped the modern world and explore the role of the church in the society of the Middle Ages. The culture, geography, political and economic development, and lasting contributions of each civilization studied will be emphasized.

Grade Level: 9 **Semesters: 1**

U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CURRENT ISSUES

This course will include a study of government, both federal and state as well as critical issues facing our culture. Students will be required to take and pass the Constitution test with a grade of 75% or higher in order to meet graduation requirements. The class will include a detailed study of the Constitution, the three branches of government, the role of political parties, interest groups and the media in politics, as well as a look at Illinois state government. The course will conclude with an evaluation of key societal and political issues.

Grade Level: 12 **Semesters: 1**

MODERN WORLD HISTORY

MODERN WORLD HISTORY (H)

This class will survey the development of the modern world beginning with the Renaissance and focusing on significant modern world events affecting Africa, Asia and Latin America. It will conclude with a variety of case studies that cover significant current issues.

Prerequisites: (H) at least an A- in Ancient History and a B+ in Honors 9th grade English or A- in regular 9th grade English in addition to a recommendation from Ancient History teacher. **See General Honors/AP Course Requirements on page 16.**
Grade Level: 10 **Semesters: 2**

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PSYCHOLOGY (H)

The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce the study of psychology as both scientific and systematic with a specific focus on behaviors and mental processes of human beings and other types of living organisms such as animals.

Through the study of the core concepts and theories of each of the major sub-fields of psychology, the introduction of basic psychological research and the study of psychological vocabulary, students will learn to analyze, critically interpret and apply psychological principles to the world around them. Students will be prepared to take the AP Psychology test at the conclusion of the course.

See General Honors/AP Course Requirements on page 16.
Grade Level: 11, 12 **Semesters: 2**

UNITED STATES HISTORY

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The United States History course will cover from the Civil War through present day. The goal is to explore in depth the dramatic events of our history such as the conquering of corruption, the Wild West, American expansion, The Roaring 20s, The Great Depression, World War II, The Cold War, Civil Rights Movement, The Vietnam War, The Watergate Scandal, the Reagan Years, the Bush/Clinton years, and the issues of today.

Prerequisite: World History; (H) An A/A- in World History and teacher recommendation. **See General Honors/AP Course Requirements on page 16.**

Grade Level: 11 Semesters: 2

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY (H)

This class is fast-paced and will cover all of United States History from the Age of Exploration through the Clinton administration. The AP U.S. History program is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to think critically about U.S. History. The students will be expected to examine primary sources, make written and oral arguments, and assimilate information into a formal argumentative essay.

Prerequisites: an A/A- in U.S. History for 12th graders or an A/A- in World History for 11th graders. **See General Honors/AP Course Requirements on page 16.**

Grade Level: 11, 12 Semesters: 2

UNITED STATES MILITARY HISTORY

This elective course will explore the involvement of the United States in World War II, The Korean War, The Vietnam War, The Persian Gulf War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, students will wrestle with the ethics of war, interact with war veterans in the classroom, and test their analytical skills through a hand-on, in-depth study of military strategy and tactics.

Prerequisite: U.S. History (or concurrently), an interest in military history.

Grade Level: 11, 12 Semesters: 1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES/COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (H)

This course meets the graduation requirements for both Government and Consumer Economics. It will uniquely combine the study of U.S. government with a study of comparative politics. Students will be prepared to take two AP tests at the conclusion of the course. The topics covered in the comparative component will include an introduction to comparative politics, a discussion of sovereignty, authority, and power, a study of political institutions, citizens, society and the state. It will also look at political and economic change and public policy through a study of six countries: China, Great Britain, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria and Russia. The U.S. component will deal with the Constitutional underpinnings of U.S. Government (students will take Constitution test required for graduation here), a study of political beliefs and behaviors, political parties, interest groups, and the mass media, institutions of the National government, public policy, and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. *There will be an additional charge for this class.*

Prerequisites: an A/A- in U.S. History and teacher recommendation. **See General Honors/AP Course Requirements on page 16.**

Grade Level: 12 Semesters: 2

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT WORLD HISTORY

Meets the sophomore level history requirement, elective credit for juniors/seniors. This course will require students to analyze and interpret significant events in World history. Over the course of the year students will be asked to identify six themes: 1) impacts of societal interactions; 2) change and continuity; 3) impact of technology on people; 4) social and gender structures; 5) cultural and intellectual developments; 6) changes in functions and structures of states. Students will also develop the writing and analytical skills necessary for the AP exam, including answering Document Based Questions, free response essays and AP level multiple choice questions.

Prerequisite: A/A- in Ancient History and teacher recommendation

Grade Level: 10, 11, 12 Semesters 2

INVESTMENT AND GLOBAL ECONOMICS

This elective course will cover the fundamentals of investing in the stock market and the impact of the stock market on the global economic community. Students will have a hands on experience of investing and learn the basic principles necessary to understand what factors impact stock prices. Students will research and follow individual stocks as a method of learning fluctuation in market price.

Grade Level: 10, 11, 12 Semesters: 1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT ART HISTORY ONLINE

This course will provide students with college level instruction in the history of art. Students will examine major forms of artistic expression from the past and present and from a variety of cultures. Students will learn to look at these works of art critically, with intelligence and sensitivity, and to articulate what they see or experience in light of a Christian worldview. Students will be able to identify the presence or absence of Biblical truth reflected in art and architecture through the centuries. *There will be an additional charge for this class.*

Grade Level: 10, 11, 12 Semesters: 2