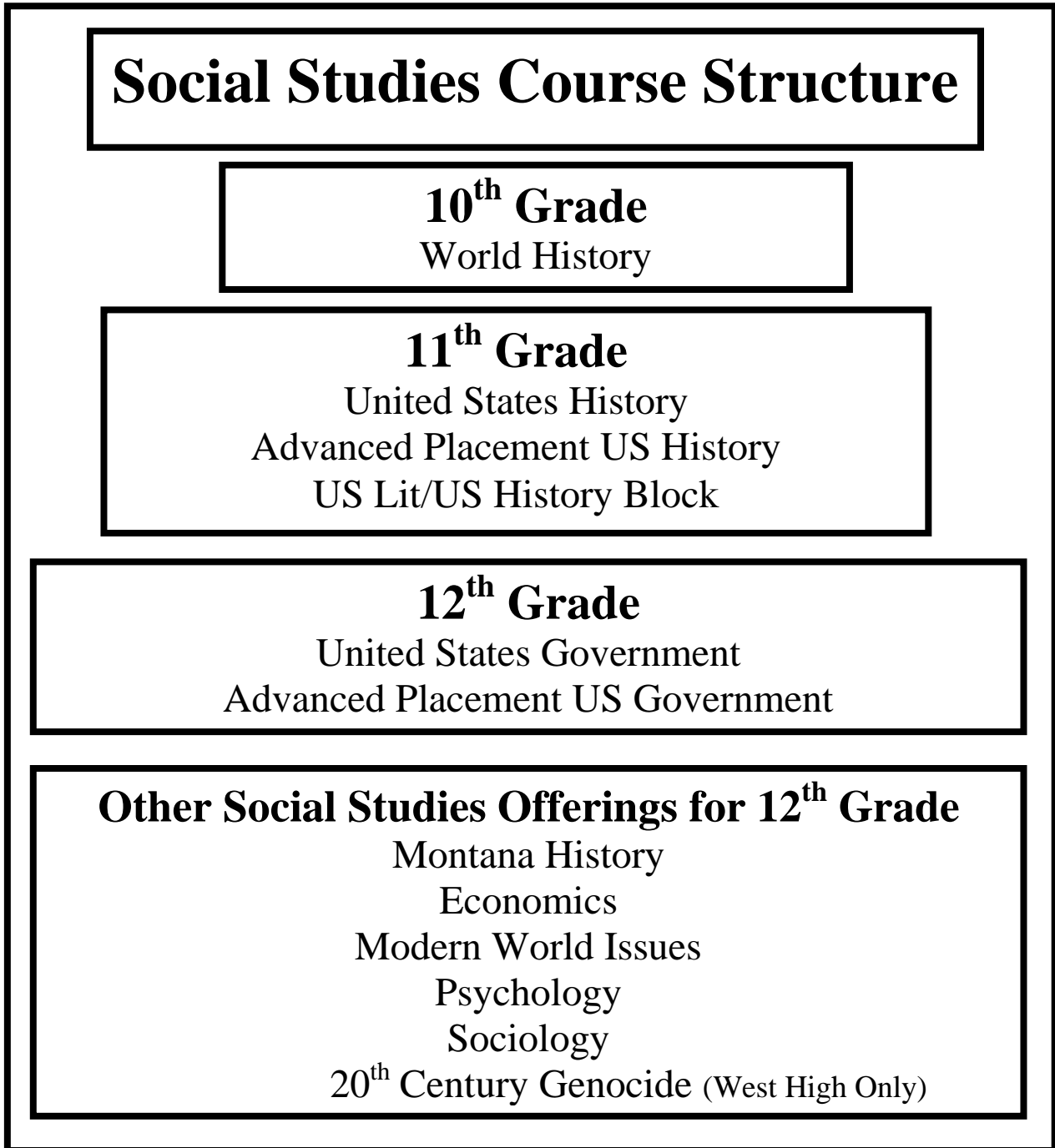


Social Studies

Mission

Today's students more than ever before need a comprehensive understanding of the world, and of the many cultures that have developed ideas, institutions, and ways of life. Students can gain an appreciation both of the world's many cultures and their shared humanity and common problems.



SOCIAL STUDIES

World History

Credit 1

10

Course Name

Semesters 1 & 2

Grade Level

Course Description: A knowledge of major historical events and accomplishments is necessary to understand current national and international affairs. This course stresses the diversity of economic, political, religious, and social systems; it encourages an appreciation for the scientific and artistic contributions of many cultures to the collective wisdom of the human race. The first semester concentrates on ancient civilizations and western medieval history. The second semester emphasizes those events which predominately shaped the modern world.

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

United States History

Credit 1

11

Course Name

Semesters 1 & 2

Grade Level

Course Description: This class will help students understand how our colonial heritage, westward expansion, assimilation of cultures, and emergence as a world power have shaped modern America.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- Indigenous Peoples and Societies of North America
- Colonization and World Settlement in North America
- The Revolution
- The Advent of the United States and the Constitutional Period Era
- Expansion
- The Civil War
- Reconstruction and Industrialization
- The Emergence of Modern America During the World Wars and Interwar Period
- The Rise of America as the Dominant World Power in the Later 20th Century

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

**Advanced Placement
United States History**

Credit 1

11

Course Name

Semesters 1 & 2

Grade Level

Course Description: The AP program in United States History is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. Students should learn to assess historical materials-their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability, and their importance- and to weight the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. An AP United States History course should thus develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgment and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in an essay format.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- Indigenous Peoples and Societies of North America
- Colonization and World Settlement in North America
- The Revolution
- The Advent of the United States and the Constitutional Period Era
- Expansion
- The Civil War
- Reconstruction and Industrialization
- The Emergence of Modern America During the World Wars and Interwar Period
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Prerequisite Courses: 1 credit World History

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

US Lit/US History Block	Credit 4 English Credit 3 Social Studies	11
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Course Name	Semester 1 & 2	Grade Level
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Course Description: The combination of American History and American Literature follows the curriculum and essential requirements currently established and approved in School District Two for 11th Grade English and United States History. This American Studies approach encourages the students to appreciate and understand links between the past and the writers who explored the American experience of writing and discussing, students examine the different genres and periods of the past. Students are required to take both the literature and history portions of the block both semesters.

TWO –HOUR BLOCK

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 4 English credits, 3 Social Studies credits

United States Government	Credit 1/2	12
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Course Name	Semester 1 or 2	Grade Level
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Course Description: The goal of education in government is informed, responsible participation in political life. The study of the United States government will provide students an opportunity to acquire knowledge of government and to practice the skills necessary to become responsible, participatory citizens.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- The U.S. Constitution
- Federalism
- Comparative Government
- Politics and Political Participation
- Political Theory
- The Election Process
- The Courts
- The Executive Branch
- The Legislative Branch
- The Structure of State, Tribal, and Local governments
- Civil Liberties and Rights

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

Advanced Placement United States Government	Credit 1/2	12
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Course Name	Semester 1 or 2	Grade Level
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Course Description: Advanced Placement United States Government is an essential study for students desiring success on the A.P. U.S. Government exam. In this college level course, students will enter in an in-depth study of government through readings, writing assignments, and research projects.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- Constitutional underpinnings of the United States Government
- Political Beliefs and Behaviors
- Institutions of National Government: the Congress, the Presidency, the Bureaucracy, and the Federal Courts
- Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Mass Media
- Public Policy
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- The Structure of State, Tribal, and Local Governments

Prerequisite Courses: 1 credit of American History or AP American History

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

Taking one semester of AP Government does not satisfy the requirement for regular government.

Montana History	Credit 1/2	12
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Course Name	Semester 1 or 2	Grade Level
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Course Description: The purpose of Montana History is to understand the interplay of cultures; Native American, Asian, Hispanic, and European; in the development of the unique culture in Montana.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- Pre-contact and Montana’s Indigenous People
- Exploration and Fur Trade
- Mining/Timber
- Cattle
- Montana in the Late 19th Century
- Homesteading
- Depression and World War II
- Post-World War II and Montana

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

SOCIAL STUDIES

Psychology	Credit 1/2	12
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Course Name	Semester 1 or 2	Grade Level

Course Description: This class will help students understand and describe human thinking, learning, memory, development, personality, and behavior.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- Psychology as a Social Science
- Theorists and their Influence on Modern Psychology
- The Individual and their Interactions Within Society
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Functions of the Brain
- Human Growth and Development

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

20th Century Genocide - West Only	Credit 1/2	12
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Course Name	Semester 1	Grade Level

Course Description: This class will include 20th century genocide. The Holocaust is a reminder of how a modern nation, with educated citizens, advanced technology, and a sophisticated culture can implement a program that its citizens will follow for racial hatred and mass murder. The events of the American Indians in Montana, the genocide in Turkey, Cambodia, the Balkans, Rwanda, and today in Darfur will be studied also.

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

Economics	Credit 1/2	12
Course Name	Semester 1 or 2	Grade Level

Course Description: This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of macro and micro economic principles, the tangible workings of our economic system, and the general functions of the financial sector.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- The Prominent Economic Systems and Comparative Analysis
- Economic Decision Making
- Aggregate Supply and Demand
- Money Multipliers and Consumption
- Business Cycles
- Currency and Trade
- Price Utility and Elasticity
- Industrial Hierarchies
- Marginal Thinking
- Financial Markets and Institutions
- The Federal Reserve System

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

Modern World Issues (West & Skyview)	Credit 1/2	12
Course Name	Semester 1 or 2	Grade Level

Course Description: The study of world issues is essential for students desiring an understanding of relationships among various cultural and ethnic groups throughout the world. Students will study current controversial world issues by investigation history and the current status of various world conflicts and tensions.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- The Middle East
- World Starvation/Poverty
- Terrorism
- International Revolution/Civil and Mixed Conflict
- International Economic Struggles
- Weapons of Mass Destruction/Weapons Proliferation
- Current Political, Social, Economic World Events
- The Role of the United Nations
- Religious Tensions

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits

Sociology **Credit 1/2** **12**

Course Name **Semester 1 or 2** **Grade Level**

Course Description: This class will help students examine human relationships and behaviors. The course will study the causes and consequences of human interaction from the group perspective.

This course will address the following areas of study:

- Sociology as a Social Science
- The Sociological Perspective and Scientific Method
- Society and the Individual
- Group Interactions
- Social Institutions
- Social Problems

Prerequisite Courses: None

Applies Toward Graduation Requirements of: 3 Social Studies credits