

# Social Studies Department

## **611 H American Cultures (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 9**

This course is an in-depth evaluation of the history and development of the nation. It examines the period of early exploration, colonial times, links to and freedom from Great Britain, Sectionalism, and the Civil War and Reconstruction eras. Topics include major political, economic, social, and foreign problems that faced the United States from pre-Columbian time to the 1900's. Students are required to write short papers, participate in class discussions, evaluate printed materials characteristic of the era, and demonstrate a working knowledge of events that contribute to understanding our modern society. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking skills.

## **612 CP American Cultures (1 Cr.)**

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The purpose of this course is to give students an understanding of the nation's social and economic growth, the development of political equality, the Intellectual basis of American life, and sectional differences in the United States from pre-Columbian time to the 1900's. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking skills.

## **621 H World Cultures (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 10**

This course is an in-depth study of the development of Western Civilization. Topics include the cultural, historical, social, and geographical backgrounds of these people and their influence on the development of Western Civilization.

Civilizations of ancient man and the effects of the Scientific, Industrial, and Social Revolutions on the development of Western Culture are discussed. Students are required to write short papers, participate in class discussions, evaluate printed materials and various media, and to evaluate current event topics for an understanding of modern society. Prerequisites: 85 in Honors American Cultures; 93 in Regular American Cultures; Department approval

## **622 CP World Cultures (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 10**

This course aims to develop an understanding of the attitudes, problems, and culture of modern society. The study includes the development of the civilization of man, the formation of the first true civilization, the great cultures of ancient man and their influence on modern society, and the effect of the Scientific, Industrial, and Social Revolutions.

## **631 H 20th Century America and Beyond (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 11**

This course provides students with an in-depth study of the United States in the 20th Century. Emphasis is placed on the development of the political process, involvement in World War I and II, the 20's, causes and consequences of the Depression, Korea, Vietnam, and the 60's. Independent assignments will be given throughout the year. Prerequisites: 85 in Honors World Cultures; 93 in Regular World Cultures; Department approval

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## **641 H U.S. Government/Civics (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 12**

The U.S. Government/Civics Life Course will engage students in the study of four major areas of

the United States, namely, the three major branches of U.S. Governmental system, Economics (including how citizens interact within microeconomics and macroeconomics), the Judicial System (include how the Nation judiciary affects courts, important case decisions and law), and Political Science focusing on how citizens and lawmakers interact through political thought and theory). A focus on current events is essential. This course will also include an in-depth research learning experience using Chicago/Turabian Citation style and format for research writing in History. *In-depth assessments and projects will be included. Two Field Experience Projects are required. Research component required. Prerequisites: 85 in Honors 20th Century; 93 in CP 20th Century; Department approval.*

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**651 AP Government/Politics & Economics (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 12**

This course will prepare students to take the AP US Government and Politics Exam. Emphasis is placed on increasing knowledge of American political culture - including key political concepts, ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the constitutional system and political culture of the United States. The course focuses on five big ideas, namely, Constitutionalism, Liberty & Order, Civic Participation in Representative Democracy, Competition Policy-Making Decisions, and Methods of Political Analysis. These topics are explored through use of concept application, SCOTUS comparison, data analysis, source analysis and argumentation. *The topic of Economics is covered as well. **The College Board exacts a fee of approximately \$100 for this exam.** Prerequisites: Qualifying grades in previous English courses, a qualifying PSAT or SAT score; Department approval. Prerequisites: 90 or higher in Honors 20th Century;*

**636 CP Sociology (.5 Cr.)**  
**12**

**Grades 11 and**

This course offers a study of the structures of society and the role they play in the way people live and act. Students will explore, discuss and analyze culture, roles in society, social norms, as well as social structures and institutions and social problems today. The class encourages participation of students through class discussion.

**637 CP Introduction to Psychology (.5 Cr.)**  
**12**

**Grades 11 and**

This semester course offers the scientific study of the human mind and its functions with emphasis on how they affect behavior. Psychology includes the study of human behavior, conscious memory, thought, language intelligence, personality, gender, stress and community influences. The class encourages participation of students through class discussion.

**646 CP World Geography (.5 Cr.)**  
**12**

**Grades 11 and**

This semester course will enable students to examine all aspects of geography, providing students

with a concrete understanding of major geographic locations, world economic activities, historical and cultural aspects of societies, and an understanding of geographic tools and themes. This material will be explored using lesson presentations and the student text as well as supplemental readings, map studies, and current events.

**648 CP Pennsylvania Heritage (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and**

**12**

In this course, students explore historical, geographic, economic, and political aspects of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our local communities. Map skills, current events, and appreciation of Pennsylvania's role in the United States are incorporated. Materials include a textbook and supplemental information via periodicals and online resources.

**649 CP History of Sports (.5 Cr.)**

**Grade 11 and**

**12**

This semester course will examine various sports at the international, national, and local levels. It will trace these sports from their origins to the present, examining successes and failures along the way. Interesting readings and research will be incorporated.