

SOCIAL SCIENCES

WORLD GEOGRAPHY 21033000

Grade(s): 9

Pre-Req: N/A

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WORLD GEOGRAPHY LH 21033001

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AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 2103400

Grade(s): 9 (21034000), 11-12 (21034001)

Pre-Req: N/A

The AP Human Geography course is equivalent to an introductory college-level course in human geography. The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. The curriculum reflects the goals of the National Geography Standards (2012).

- **Honors Level Course Note:** Academic rigor is more than simply assigning to students a greater quantity of work. Through the application, analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas that are often abstract and multi-faceted, students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning.
- **Advanced Placement Course:** Students earn 6 Quality Points on their weighted GPA for these courses; however, to earn college credit, the student must pass an end of the year course given by the College Board.
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WORLD HISTORY 21093100

Grade(s): 10

Pre-Req: N/A

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WORLD HISTORY HONORS 21093200

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AP WORLD HISTORY 21094200

Grade(s): 10

Pre-Req: N/A

AP World History focuses on developing students' abilities to think conceptually about world history from approximately 8000 BCE to the present and apply historical thinking skills as they learn about the past. Five themes of equal importance — focusing on the environment, cultures, state-building, economic systems, and social structures — provide areas of historical inquiry for investigation throughout the course. AP World History encompasses the history of the five major geographical regions of the globe: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania, with special focus on historical developments and processes that cross multiple regions.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LH 2106440A

Grade(s): 10-12

Pre-Req: N/A

The International Relations course consists of the following content area strands: American History, World History, Geography, Humanities, Economics, and Civics and Government. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of the functions of the global community, the nature of the modern national state, national goals, and how nations communicate and negotiate to facilitate these goals. Content should include, but is not limited to, the origins of the nation-state system, the role of power politics in the nuclear age, factors that influence relations among nations, such as world population growth, food and other resources, environment, human rights, terrorism, cultural differences, world trade, and technology, ways in which governments conduct foreign policy, the role of international organizations in promoting world peace, the role of women and diverse cultural groups within and among nations, and career opportunities available in international relations.

AFRICAN HISTORY LH 21093300/2100340H

Grade(s): 10-12

Pre-Req: N/A

The African-American History course consists of the following content area strands: World History, American History, Geography, Humanities, Civics and Government. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of the chronological development of African Americans by examining the political, economic, social, religious, military and cultural events that affected the cultural group. Content will include, but is not limited to, West African heritage, the Middle Passage and Triangular Trade, the African Diaspora, significant turning points and trends in the development of African American culture and institutions, enslavement and emancipation, the Abolition, Black Nationalist, and Civil Rights movements, major historical figures and events in African-American history, and contemporary African-American affairs.

US HISTORY 21003100

Grade(s): 11

Pre-Req: N/A

The United States History course consists of the following content area strands: United States History, Geography, and Humanities. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of United States history from Reconstruction to the present day. Students will be exposed to the historical, geographic, political, economic, and sociological events that influenced the development of the United States and the resulting impact on world history. So that students can clearly see the relationship between cause and effect in historical events, students should have the opportunity to review those fundamental ideas and events that occurred before the end of Reconstruction.

***This course is a one-year course and is only complete when the student takes the U.S. History EOC. U.S. History EOC will count for 30% of the student's grade.**

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AP US HISTORY 21003300

Grade(s): 11

Pre-Req: N/A

AP United States History focuses on developing students' abilities to think conceptually about U.S. history from approximately 1491 to the present and apply historical thinking skills as they learn about the past. Seven themes of equal importance — identity; peopling; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; environment and geography; and ideas, beliefs, and culture — provide areas of historical inquiry for investigation throughout the course. These require students to reason historically about continuity and change over time and make comparisons among various historical developments in different times and places.

PSYCHOLOGY 1/2 LH 2107300A/3101

Grade(s): 10-12

Pre-Req: N/A

Through the study of psychology, students acquire an understanding of and an appreciation for human behavior, behavior interaction and the progressive development of individuals. The content examined in this first introductory course includes major theories and orientations of psychology, psychological methodology, memory and cognition, human growth and development, personality, abnormal behavior, psychological therapies, stress/coping strategies, and mental health.

AP PSYCHOLOGY 21073500

Grade(s): 11-12

Pre-Req: N/A

The AP Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While considering the psychologists and studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with such topics as the biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatment of abnormal behavior, and social psychology. Throughout the course, students employ psychological research methods, including ethical considerations, as they use the scientific method, analyze bias, evaluate claims and evidence, and effectively communicate ideas.

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SOCIOLOGY LH/ETHICS LH 21083000/21053500

Grade(s): 11-12

Pre-Req: N/A

Through the study of sociology, students acquire an understanding of group interaction and its impact on individuals in order that they may have a greater awareness of the beliefs, values and behavior patterns of others. In an increasingly interdependent world, students need to recognize how group behavior affects both the individual and society.

The Ethics course consists of the following content area strands: American History, World History, Geography, Humanities, Civics and Government. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of the foundations of ethical thought and theories and the process of moral development. Content should include, but is not limited to, the sources of ethical beliefs and practices, traditional ethical theories, the strengths and weaknesses of the principal models of moral development, the typical fallacies in flawed moral arguments, the difference between an ethical choice and a legal decision, major ethical questions in American society such as public service, law, the workplace, bioethics, and new technologies, and current ethical issues in the local and national arena.

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY 21093800

Grade(s): 11-12

Pre-Req: N/A

The AP European History course focuses on cultural, economic, political, and social developments. These focus areas provide context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions, the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current forms of artistic expression and intellectual discourse.

GOVERNMENT/ECONOMICS WITH FINANCIAL LITERACY 21063100/21023350

Grade(s): 12

Pre-Req: N/A

The United States Government course consists of the following content area strands: Geography, Civics and Government. The primary content for the course pertains to the study of government institutions and political processes and their historical impact on American society. Content should include, but is not limited to, the functions and purpose of government, the function of the state, the constitutional framework, federalism, separation of powers, functions of the three branches of government at the local, state and national level, and the political decision-making process. The Economics course consists of the following content area strands: Economics and Geography. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of the concepts and processes of the national and international economic systems.

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Content should include, but is not limited to, currency, banking, and monetary policy, the fundamental concepts relevant to the major economic systems, the global market and economy, major economic theories and economists, the role and influence of the government and fiscal policies, economic measurements, tools, and methodology, financial and investment markets, and the business cycle.

GOVERNMENT/ECONOMICS WITH FINANCIAL LITERACY HONORS 21063200/21023450

Grade(s): 12

Pre-Req: N/A

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AP GOVERNMENT/ECONOMICS HONORS 21064200/21023900

Grade(s): 12

Pre-Req: N/A

AP United States Government and Politics introduces students to key political ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the political culture of the United States.

The course examines politically significant concepts and themes, through which students learn to apply disciplinary reasoning, assess causes and consequences of political events, and interpret data to develop evidence-based arguments

COMPREHENSIVE LAW HONORS 21063750

Grade(s): 12

Pre-Req: N/A

Comprehensive Law course consists of the following content area strands: American History, World History, Geography, Humanities, Civics and Government. The primary content for the course pertains to the study of the components and processes associated with the American legal system and the comprehensive examination of the civil and criminal justice systems. Content should include, but is not limited to, the historical antecedents and purpose for laws, the impact of social values on the establishment and interpretation of laws, causes and consequences of crime, evaluation of the adult and juvenile justice systems, significance of the Bill of Rights to the American legal system and elements of constitutionalism, civil and criminal law, family and consumer law, rights and responsibilities under the

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law, and the adversarial versus inquisitorial systems of justice. This course will incorporate the development of a written appellate brief addressing a contemporary legal question and the presentation of oral arguments to defend their position legally.

HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST LH/LITERATURE AND THE ARTS HON 2 21094301/10053601

Grade(s): 12

Pre-Req: N/A

The Holocaust course consists of the following content area strands: American History, World History, Geography, Humanities, Civics and Government. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the examination of the events of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany. Content will include, but is not limited to, the examination of twentieth century pogroms and of twentieth century and twenty-first century genocides, investigation of human behavior during this period, and an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping.

The literature portion of the course will read and discuss books detailing events from the Holocaust. This course is designed to make you aware of how you can avoid being a bystander in any given situation, as well as a class that encourages you to be more empathetic, tolerant and open minded.

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