

## **SOCIAL SCIENCES 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSES**

Competent written work is essential in all academic disciplines; therefore, social sciences teachers will evaluate student papers using a rubric with criteria applicable to both English and social sciences content areas.

### ***AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY***

**1137**

**2 Semesters 2 Credits Grades: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: Geography and History of the World & Pass with a B for both semesters**

**Textbook Purchase: None**

**Supplementary Fee: \$5.00**

**Paperback Purchase: \$19.00**

**AP Exam: TBD by College Board, approx. \$85.00**

***This course is weighted on a 5.0 scale.***

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1572] The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to analyze human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. All students enrolled in this course will take the AP Human Geography exam in the spring. **NOTE: In order to receive weighted credit and the Advanced Placement designation on transcripts, students must successfully complete both semesters of the Advanced Placement course and receive a "3" or higher on the Advanced Placement examination in that course.**

### ***WORLD HISTORY***

**1103**

**2 Semesters 2 Credits Grades: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Supplementary Fee: \$5.00**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1548] This course is designed to give a panorama of history from earliest times to 1900. It covers the traditional societies of the West, Asia, and Africa. The course is designed to show the continuity of history; forces and ideas that have shaped history; and developments in the arts, religion, and social life.

### ***AP EUROPEAN HISTORY***

**1165**

**2 Semesters 2 Credits Grades: 10-12**

**Prerequisites: Geography and History of the World**

**Textbook Rental: \$30.23**

**Fee: \$5.00**

**Paperback: \$12.50**

**Field Trip Fee: \$10.00**

**AP Exam: TBD by College Board, approx. \$85.00**

***This course is weighted on a 5.0 scale.***

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1556] 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, the role of continuity and change

in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current form of artistic expression and intellectual discourse. **NOTE: In order to receive weighted credit and the Advanced Placement designation on transcripts, students must successfully complete both semesters of the Advanced Placement course and attempt the Advanced Placement examination in that course.**

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

**1125 or 1126**

**1 Semester 1 Credit Grades: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Supplemental Fee: \$5.00**

**Paperback Purchase: None**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1532] Have you ever wondered why people act differently in a crowd compared to by themselves? Have you ever tried to figure out what is the best environment for studying in or how someone that seems so happy could have depression? Psychology, the scientific study of human behavior, provides an opportunity for students to gain insights into behavior patterns and our adjustments to social environments. The course will help students in gaining a better understanding of themselves as well as others as it considers such topics as: group behavior, the effects of sleep and drugs, human development over the course of a life span, memory and abnormal psychology. This class will be largely project based and assess students as they learn to do the work of Psychologists.

## **SOCIOLOGY**

**1127 or 1128**

**1 Semester 1 Credit Grades: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Supplementary Fee: \$5.00**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1534] If you have ever thought about why is society this way, how did we get this way, and how do I fit in, then this course is for you. We will examine topics such as: Why do male and female students participate in class discussions differently? Do students of the same ethnicity always sit together in the high school cafeteria? Why does the youngest child always seem to get away with everything? Sociology has answers to all of these questions. The goal of this course is to help you develop your sociological imagination. It is to learn to see the world around you sociologically and to give tools and concepts to help you analyze what you see. This course is organized around a series of hands-on, and in-class exercises. Each is designed to introduce students to a different sub-field, to familiarize you with different analytical techniques, and to learn new theories and concepts. In this class, you will work individually, in pairs, and in small groups.

## **ANTHROPOLOGY**

**1153 or 1154**

**1 Semester 1 Credit Grades: 10-12**

**Supplementary Fee: \$5.00**

**Paperback Purchase: \$15.00**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1502] Anthropology gives students perspectives concerning patterns of culture among people. The course introduces the anthropologist's processes of observing and analyzing human behavior. Topics studied include (1) theories and principles of cultural formation, growth, function, and change; (2) the relationship of culture to environment; and (3) the relationship between cultural background and behavior.

**CIVICS (CITIZENSHIP)****1151 or 1152****1 Semester 1 Credit Grades: 9-12****Supplementary Fee: \$2.50**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: [IDOE 1508] Civics/ Citizenship is an overview of citizenship roles and responsibilities designed to help students become independent thinkers and conscientious citizens. This course deals with political trends and behavior which citizens consider relevant to the most pressing issues of the day. The course provides students experiences that will develop attitudes of citizenship within a democratic society. Topics include: (1) the policymaking process; (2) public participation in policymaking; (3) citizenship rights and responsibilities in a changing society; and (4) the relationship between modern society and government. In-depth study of government at the local level is a large component of this course.

**CURRENT ISSUES****1129 or 1130****1 Semester 1 Credit Grades: 10-12****Prerequisite: None****Supplementary Fee: \$25.00**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: [IDOE 1512] Major issues facing America and the world are the focus of the course: for example, the economy, constitutional questions, energy policy, the environment, poverty, education, defense, foreign affairs, terrorism, and trade. The course will examine both events in the daily news and ongoing current issues. Students will read about topics, view special news programs, and discuss the issues that arise from these activities. Group projects, written analysis, and oral reports will also be required. Text covering various topics, as well as history textbooks, magazines and newspaper articles, television programs, and the IMC will all serve as main sources for study.

**TOPICS IN U.S. HISTORY****1159****Through Music and Culture:****1 Semester (Fall) 1 Elective Credit****Grades: 10-12****Paperback Purchase: \$17.00****Supplemental Fee: \$10.00**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: [IDOE 1538] It is the purpose of this course to analyze and describe events, leaders, and movements of the United States. This course will have special emphasis on causes and interpretations of the periods of national crisis and war followed by reconstruction. This course will also examine different perspectives of history through various musicians and songs and the influence on culture.

*Note: This is an elective course and does not fulfill your U.S. History requirement.*

**TOPICS IN U.S. HISTORY****1160****Through Music and Culture:****1 Semester (Spring) 1 Elective Credit****Grades: 10-12****Paperback Purchase: \$17.00****Supplemental Fee: \$10.00**

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**INTRODUCTION TO LAW  
IN AMERICAN SOCIETY**

**1175 or 1176**

**1 Semester 1 Credit Grade: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Textbook Purchase: TBD**

**Paperback Purchase: \$15.00**

**Supplementary Fee: \$5.00**

**Additional Cost: Field Trips, TBD**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1526] Are you interested in a career in criminal justice, the legal field, or just want to be a more informed citizen? This course explores the rights and obligations of citizenship, the historical development of our system of law, our court structure and procedure, as well as civil and criminal law. Historical and current legal cases that cover constitutional, civil, and criminal issues will be studied. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of law and legal procedures by participating in mock trials. A primary purpose of this course is to develop the ability to think critically by recognizing the value conflicts present in the law and the application of law to students' personal lives.

**AP COMPARATIVE POLITICS /  
CURRENT ISSUES**

**1177**

**2 Semesters 2 Credits Grades: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Textbook: TBA**

**Fee: \$5.00**

**\$11.00 Paperback Purchase**

**Additional Cost: AP Exam TBD by College Board, approximately \$85.00**

***This course is weighted on a 5.0 scale.***

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** [IDOE 1552/1512] The AP course in Comparative Government and Politics/Current Issues introduces students to fundamental concepts used by political scientists to study the processes and outcomes of politics in a variety of country settings. This course will also provide students an opportunity to observe the social life through the media. The course aims to illustrate the rich diversity of political life, to show available institutional alternatives, to explain differences in processes and policy outcomes, and to communicate to students the importance of global political and economic changes. In addition to covering the major concepts that are used to organize and interpret what we know about political phenomena and relationships, the course should cover specific countries and their governments. Six countries form the core of the AP Comparative Government and Politics course: China, Great Britain, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, and Russia.<sup>1</sup> By using these six countries, the course can move the discussion of concepts from abstract definition to concrete example, noting that not all concepts will be equally useful in all country settings.