

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Class Number: 75
Class Name: **American History** (Required)
Length of Class: One Year
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: 10

American History begins with the Civil War and concludes with the 1990's. The general goal is to have students become more appreciative of our country's past and the people who contributed greatly to our country. The use of videos films, text book, CD-ROM's and laser disk computers, quizzes and tests will be the instruments used in presenting history material. Students will learn not only specific but general history facts and terms of each unit of study.

Class Number: 76
Class Name: **World History** (Required)
Length of Class: One Semester - Fall
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: 12

The study of World History will begin with W.W. I and proceed through to modern times. The use of texts and media will be the major source of information. The course will stress the development of the different cultures and peoples through their social, economic and governmental basis. The goal for this class is to have the students become more sensitive to the growing inter-global dependency our world has evolved to.

Class Number: 77
Class Name: **American Government** (Required)
Length of Class: One Year
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: Junior

Government:

The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of the process of government and develop an appropriate sense of citizenship as participants in our democratic society.

Units of Study:

Forms of Government	The Legislative Branch
The U.S. Constitution	The Judicial Branch
American Rights	The Executive Branch
American Freedoms	State and Local Government
Voting	

Class Number: 78
Class Name: **Sociology** (Elective)
Length of Class: One Semester - Fall
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: 9 - 12

The goal of this course is to have students study patterns of behavior that people have to better understand how and why people act and react the way they do. The causes of these behaviors will also be discussed. This course is centered around student discussions and projects.

Units of study:

What is sociology?	Deviancy
Cultures	Death and dying
Role and status	Social Class
Personalities	Race relations
Families	Collective behavior

Class Number: 80
Class Name: **Consumer Economics** (Elective)
Length of Class: Fall Semester
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: 11 and 12

This survey course will cover the basic principles of economics. The emphasis will be on macro-economic concepts.

Units of study:

What is economics?	The business of free enterprise
Free Enterprise	Financing a business
Demand	Production and Productivity
Supply	The U.S. Labor Force
Market-Clearing Price	How Businesses Compete
Consumers and Savers	The Government and the economy

Class Number: 82
Class Name: **Cultural Studies** (Elective)
Length of Class: One Semester - Spring
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: 9 - 12

The goal of this course is to have students become more aware of the contributions of minorities to our society. Study will concentrate on accomplishments and writings of these minorities. Time will also be spent on learning about prejudice and discrimination, and segregation. The use of role playing and group research will give students more hands-on approach to subject matter.

Class Number: 83
Class Name: **Ancient History** (Elective)
Length of Class: One Semester - Spring
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: 9 - 12

Students will study the ancient peoples and prehistoric peoples to better understand our past. The goal is to have students become aware of an ever changing world and the rise to modern civilization. The course will also focus on archaeology as a science, and students will learn how archaeologists work.

Class Number: 84
Class Name: **Geography I** (Required)
Length of Class: Spring Semester
Prerequisite: None
Grade Level: 9

This course is the study of our physical environment and its impact upon our history and lifestyles. Some th e concepts dealt with include techniques and skills you need to study geography and in-depth discussions of our world's geographic regions.

Units of Study:

Looking at the world	Eastern Asia
Culture	Southeast Asia
North America	Northern Africa
Latin America	Sub-Sahara Africa
Western Europe	Australia
Eastern Europe	

Class Number: 85
Class Name: **Post Roman Western Civilization**
Grade Level: 11 - 12

This historical course covers the time period that begins with the Ancient Greeks and goes up through the Renaissance and Reformation. The focus will be on the influences that these peoples and times have had on our modern society.

Units of Study:

Classical Greece	The formation of western Europe
The Roman Republic	The Renaissance
The Roman Empire	The Reformation
The Middle Ages	

Class Number: 86
Class Name: **International Relations**
Grade Level: 9 - 12

International Relations courses provide an introduction to international relations, including an examination of the modern state; the foreign policies of nations; the dynamics of nationalism, ideology, and culture; and the role of international organizations. The courses may or may not emphasize contemporary events.

Class Number: 88
Class Name: **Mass Media and Society**
Grade Level: 11-12

This course is designed to look at the impact of radio, television, and film on society. The focus will be on how society has been shaped by mass media and how mass media has shaped society. The course will be centered around student discussions and projects.

Units of Study:

The Golden Era of Radio	Modern Film
Silent Movies	African-Americans in Mass Media
Television Changes America	Remakes and Sequels