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*Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.*

-Mahatma Gandhi
## Modern World History

**Credit:** 1  
**Cost of Textbook:** ACC Fee  
**Grade:** 11-12

**Prerequisites:** Department Approval  
**Graduation Req:** None

This course is an ACC concurrent enrollment course, and is a college level course. Credits: 3. Modern World History is a year-long class that begins with the rise of the modern nation state and concludes with the computer age. The course will emphasize the diverse historical, political, and socio-economic developments, as well as world wars, the rise and fall of communism, and the development of new nation states. Discussions, simulations, research and other activities enable students to become involved in their pursuit of the past.

## AP Human Geography

**Credit:** 1  
**Textbook & $94 AP**  
**Grade:** 9-12

**Prerequisites:** Grade of A in 8th grade social studies class, AND teacher recommendation.  
**Graduation Req:** Social Studies

AP Human Geography is a college prep course that provides students with an academic experience equivalent to a college level freshman 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 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.

## AP Macroeconomics

**Credit:** 0.5  
**Textbook & $94 AP**  
**Grade:** 11-12

**Prerequisites:** 10th grade Social Studies  
**Graduation Req:** Social Studies

The purpose of this course is to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. Such a course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price-level determination, and also develops students’ familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. Students will gain a deeper understanding of their place in the US and world economy. This class will require approximately 3-4 hours a week of outside study and homework.

## AP Psychology

**Credit:** 1  
**Textbook & $94 AP**  
**Grade:** 11-12

**Prerequisites:** 10th grade Social Studies  
**Graduation Req:** Social Studies

AP Psychology is a college prep course that provides students with an academic experience equivalent to a college level freshman course in psychology. The course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major sub fields within psychology. They also learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice.
AP US Government  Credit:  1  Textbook & $94 AP  Grade:  Exam  10-12
Prerequisites:  9th grade Social Studies
Graduation Req:  Social Studies
This course provides students with an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. It involves the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. institutions, groups beliefs and ideas that constitute U.S. politics. This is a college level course with potential for college credit, thus extensive college level reading and writing is required. Students will take the Advanced Placement Test at the end of the year.

AP US History  Credit:  1  Textbook & $94 AP  Grade:  Exam  11-12
Prerequisites:  10th grade Social Studies
Graduation Req:  Social Studies
This survey of U.S. History is taught in chronological sequence and emphasizes social, political, and economic themes tested on the Advanced Placement United States History Exam. College level writing and study skills will be emphasized. Extensive college level reading is required.

Contemporary World Issues  Credit:  0.5  Grade:  10-12
Prerequisites:  9th grade Social Studies
Graduation Req:  Social Studies
This upper level course will focus on the analysis and interpretation of contemporary world issues, while also building an understanding of the significance of historical factors that have lead to those issues. Students will examine current events through themes such as Power, Conflict, Justice, and Technology. Debate, research, discussion, critical thinking, and media analysis are all skills that will be applied during the course of the semester. Students will be required to stay current on world, national, and local issues of importance. (This course will not be offered in 2022-2023.)

International Economics  Credit:  0.5  Grade:  11-12
Prerequisites:  10th Grade Social Studies
Graduation Req:  Social Studies
This course will investigate the world economic scene: the distribution of resources, production and consumption, the uneven economic development of national economies, and the major economic systems of the present world. Additionally, aspects of international trade including effects on nations, trade policies, international currency
exchange, labor migration and foreign investment will be studied. Students will also learn the use of research materials and how to classify, interpret, and summarize information. A research paper may be required.

**Psychology**

85750  
Credit: 0.5  
Grade: 11-12  

Prerequisites: 10th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  

The goals of psychology are to describe, understand, and predict individual human behavior. In this course, students will be introduced to the history and application of psychology research methods, sensation and perception, altered states of consciousness, sleep and dreaming, learning, development, theories of personality, and abnormal behavior. Students will also learn and demonstrate successful communication and group interaction skills.

**Rise of Nation/State**

England  
85410  
Credit: 0.5  
Grade: 10-12  

Prerequisites: 9th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  

This course traces the development of England and the political, economic, social, and cultural factors that contributed to its development as a nation-state. The course will focus on English history and English institutions, such as parliament and constitutional government, which have had an impact on American history. *(Course to be offered in 2021-2022 NOT in 2022-2023).*

**Rise of Nation/State**

Germany  
85420  
Credit: 0.5  
Grade: 10-12  

Prerequisites: 9th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  

This course examines the development of the nation-state with special attention focused on Germany and the Three German Reichs. Curriculum includes the impact of language, culture, geography, economics, and government in nation building, and surveys the chronological emergence of the German States from the Fall of Rome to the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Students will apply research and reference skills for emphasis in the European Medieval period; the German High Renaissance/ Reformation; the Age of Bismarck Realpolitiks; the World Wars; and up to the role played by Germany today in the New World Order. *(Course to be offered in 2021-2022 NOT in 2022-2023).*

**Sociology**

85770  
Credit: 0.5  
Grade: 10-12  

Prerequisites: 9th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  

This course provides students with an overview and general understanding of sociology. Students will examine patterns of social behavior and interactions in society. Since these patterns are often found when groups interact, they will be a focus of study. Other possible topics include: social interactions, methods used by sociologists to study social patterns, the nature and impact of culture, the socialization of individuals in society, marriage and family, collective behavior in society, and the nature of social change.
Sports Psychology  Credit:  Grade:  85755  0.5  10-12  
Prerequisites: 9th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  
Sports Psychology and Performance provides students with in-depth exposure to the world of sports and athletes by examining the psychology behind athletes, fans, corporations and the general population’s interest in professional and amateur competition. Students will engage in classroom experiences including researching career pathways and degrees, usage of technology in sports performance, analysis of current sports related trends, exploration of current therapy used to help athletes obtain their goals, and interaction with psychology experts whose expertise is in sports and athletes.

US Economics  Credit:  Grade:  85800  0.5  11-12  
Prerequisites: 10th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  
This course will focus on the economic principles and concepts that enable students to gain a greater economic understanding of current events and issues in the U.S. and around the world. Economic reasoning skills will be emphasized. We will look at the political and economic philosophies that have helped to shape our current systems as well as examine personal financial responsibility.

US Government  Credit:  Grade:  85700  0.5  10-12  
Prerequisites: 9th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  
Students will study why there is government, types of governments, the U.S. Constitution, the three branches of government (legislative, executive and judicial) and the concept of separation of powers. Students will also study the function and structure of the court system, political parties, and the role of a citizen in a government. Current events will be emphasized as they apply to the study of U.S. Government. Instruction will also focus on essay writing. Students will learn and apply research and reference skills and will be required to complete a research project.

US History Since 1945  Credit:  Grade:  85575  0.5  10-12  
Prerequisites: 9th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  
This course will trace major events, which have occurred since World War II with emphasis on the political events and personalities involved. Topics covered in the course include: the Cold War, the civil rights movement, Korean and Vietnam Wars, Watergate, and contemporary issues. Students will apply research reference skills and may be required to write a research paper.

US History to 1865  Credit:  Grade:  85525  0.5  10-12  
Prerequisites: 9th Grade Social Studies  
Graduation Req: Social Studies  
This course includes political, social, and military history from Colonial America to 1865.
US History 1865 to 1945 85550

**Prerequisites:** 8th Grade Social Studies

**Graduation Req:** Social Studies

The content of this course includes topics in U.S. History since 1865. Topics covered are reconstruction, industrialism, immigration, the emergence of big business, the labor movement, Progressive Era reforms, World War I, the Twenties, the Great Depression, the New Deal and U.S. involvement in WWII. Research and study skills will be taught and applied in this class.

World Geography 85835

**Prerequisites:** 8th Grade Social Studies

**Graduation Req:** Social Studies

In this course students will examine the world's regions and explore the many facets of geography. The region's economy, geography, history, and culture will be studied, as well as issues affecting the area and its relationship with the rest of the world. By studying current domestic and world issues, students will understand the numerous dimensions of a multicultural and interconnected world.

World History I 85302

**Prerequisites:** 9th Grade Social Studies

**Graduation Req:** Social Studies

This course is designed to build a foundation for understanding human history across different cultures and civilizations. The course will provide an opportunity for students to study political, economic and social problems of different historical periods.