

SOCIAL STUDIES

COURSES OFFERED

Grade	No.	Course Title	Credit
11-12	128	Advanced Placement World History	1.00
10-12	137	Sociology	0.50
10-12	138	Psychology	0.50
11-12	140	Special Topics in Social Studies: Philosophy (DJHS only)	0.50
10	160	United States History, 1877 to the Present	1.00
9	162	Modern World History	1.00
9	164	World Studies	2.00
10	166	American Studies, 1877 to the Present	2.00
10	167	AP American Studies	2.00
10-12	163	Advanced Placement United States History	1.00
11-12	168	Advanced Placement European History	1.00
12	170	United States Government	0.50
12	171	Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics	1.00
12	172	Contemporary American Politics	0.50
12	173	American Foreign Policy	0.50
12	174	Economics	0.50
12	175	International Diplomacy: A Computer Simulation	0.50

ADVANCED PLACEMENT WORLD HISTORY- 128

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
 Elective Grade: 11 - 12
 Grade: Weighted Credit: 1.00
 Time Frame: Year
 Recommendation: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement World History is designed to help students develop analytical skills and acquire knowledge necessary to deal critically with issues and events in World History. The workload and expectations are similar to an introductory college course. The course focuses on the development of people and societies from ancient times (8000 B.C.) to present day. Themes emphasized include the political, economic, and social organization of the society. The purchase of supplemental materials is necessary to successfully complete the course. Students are encouraged to take the Advanced Placement exam in the spring.

SOCIOLOGY - 137

Prerequisite: None
 Elective Grade: 10-12
 Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
 Time Frame: Semester

Sociology is the study of human social behavior, groups and organizations, and society. The course promotes civic responsibility and respect for individual rights through the analysis of demography, culture, social structure, social constructions, social institutions, and social stratification. Issues such as deviant behavior, the influence of the electronic media, race and ethnic relations, and the extremes of wealth and poverty in an interdependent globalized society are all issues that will be examined.

PSYCHOLOGY - 138

Prerequisite: None
 Elective Grade: 10-12
 Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
 Time Frame: Semester

Psychology is the study of mental processes and human behavior. The course promotes good mental health through the study of the nervous system, thinking, emotion, motivation, learning and memory, social interaction, personality, and psychopathology. Practical applications such as problem-solving, decision-making, communication, and group skills will be stressed.

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL STUDIES: PHILOSOPHY- 140

Prerequisite: None
 Elective Grade: 11 - 12
 Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
 Time Frame: Semester

This course is a semester-long introduction to philosophy. Students will examine the different branches of philosophy (e.g., metaphysics), and the history of this field of study. The course will enable students to sharpen their logical reasoning skills.

This course is only offered at Dublin Jerome.

UNITED STATES HISTORY, 1877 to the Present- 160

Prerequisite: Modern World History
Required Grade: 10
Graded: Conventionally Credit: 1.00
Time Frame: Year

This course is a survey of United States history from 1877 to the present. It emphasizes content addressed in *Ohio's Academic Content Standards* and prepares students for the *Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)* in Social Studies. The study of cultures, geography, economics, government, and civics will be integrated into historical topics. Students will also develop decision-making, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills.

MODERN WORLD HISTORY - 162

Prerequisite: None
Required Grade: 9
Graded: Conventionally Credit: 1.00
Time Frame: Year

Modern World History is the study of people and cultures beginning circa 1750. Emphasis is placed on the development of world events in the 20th century. The course addresses content covered in *Ohio's Academic Content Standards* and prepares students for the *Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)* in Social Studies. The study of cultures, geography, economics, government, and civics will be integrated into historical topics. Students will also develop decision-making, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY - 163

Prerequisite: One credit of Social Studies
Required Option Grade: 10-12
Grade: Weighted Credit: 1.00
Time Frame: Year
Recommendation: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement United States History is designed to help students develop analytic skills and acquire knowledge necessary to deal critically with issues and events in United States history. Beginning in the 1600s, the course focuses on the foundations of our nation and of American democracy. AP U.S. History prepares students for college work by making demands upon them equivalent to those of full-year introductory college courses. Students will develop skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of informed judgments and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in written form. Students with a deep interest in U.S. History will enjoy the course. Strong reading and writing skills will be emphasized. The purchase of supplemental materials is necessary to successfully complete the course. Students are urged to take the Advanced Placement test in the spring. This course would prepare students for the Ohio Graduation Test in Social Studies.

WORLD STUDIES - 164

Prerequisite: None
Graded: Conventionally Grade: 9
Time Frame: Year Credit: 2.00

World Studies emphasizes the chronological and topical links between world history and literature. The focus will be on world history and literature after circa 1750. The course addresses content covered in *Ohio's Academic Content Standards* and prepares students for the *Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)* in Reading, Writing, Social Studies. Major historical events, trends, issues, personalities, and literary selections will be emphasized. The study of cultures, geography, economics, government, and civics will be integrated into historical topics and literature. Students develop independent and critical thinking skills while examining the background of the present world situation. Extensive reading of historical fiction and narrative is required. Individual and group projects are an integral part of this course. This two-period block will be team-taught and will meet both social studies and language arts requirements for Grade 9.

AMERICAN STUDIES, 1877 to the Present-166

Prerequisite: One credit each of Social Studies and English
Graded: Conventionally Grade: 10
Time Frame: Year Credit: 2.00
Recommendation: English and/or Social Studies Teacher(s) Recommendation

American Studies explores the links between United States history and literature. The focus will be on U.S. History and literature following Reconstruction (1877). The course addresses content covered in *Ohio's Academic Content Standards* and prepares students for the *Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)* in Reading, Writing, Social Studies. Major historical events, trends, issues, personalities, and literary selections will be emphasized. Reading of historical fiction and narrative is required. This two-period block allows for student presentations, combined assessments, group and individual projects, and class discussions. American Studies is team-taught and will fulfill both social studies and language arts requirements for Grade 10.

AP AMERICAN STUDIES - 167

Prerequisite: One credit each of Social Studies and Language Arts
Graded: Weighted Grade: 10
Time Frame: Year – 2 Periods Blocked Scheduled
Credit: 2.00 1 AP US History and 1 Honors English II
Recommendation: English and/or Social Studies Teacher(s)

This team-taught course provides an opportunity for the student to study major historical events in relation to major literary periods. The course integrates Honors English II and AP US History. As in all higher-level courses, students are expected to read and write extensively both in and out of class. Student reading will include both fictional and non-fictional works as they relate to historical/literary content areas. AP American Studies is designed to help students develop strong analytical skills, acquire knowledge of critical issues in US history and prepares students for college level work. The course addresses content covered in the Ohio Academic Content Standards and prepares students for the OGT in reading, writing, and social studies.

An AP American Studies student will receive one credit in Language Arts and one credit in US History. Both grades will be weighted, because of the additional expectations of this course. The class is block scheduled and team taught by one US History and Language Arts teacher. The purchase of supplemental materials is necessary to successfully complete the course. Students are urged to take the AP US History test in the spring.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EUROPEAN HISTORY- 168

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
Elective Grade: 11 - 12
Grade: Weighted Credit: 1.00
Time Frame: Year
Recommendation: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement European history is a college-level course for which students may receive college credit upon successful completion of the AP European History exam. The course curriculum involves European history since 1450 and will introduce students to historical events, concepts, personalities and social developments that shaped Western civilization. Major themes include European exploration, the Renaissance and Reformation, Industrial Revolution, imperialism, and the world wars. The course will specifically emphasize analytical thinking, development of essay writing skills and a special emphasis on document study. The purchase of supplemental materials is necessary to successfully complete the course. purchase of supplemental materials is necessary to successfully complete the course. Students are encouraged to take the Advanced Placement exam in the spring.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - 170

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
Required Grade: 12
Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
Time Frame: Semester

United States Government examines the principles and practices of the federal government. Students explore the basic structure of the U.S. government and focus on skills needed to become effective, participatory citizens. There is an emphasis on practical application of knowledge and skills through simulation and community interaction

ADVANCED PLACEMENT U. S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS - 171

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
Required Grade: 12
Grade: Weighted Credit: 1.00
Time Frame: Year
Recommendation: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics is designed to help students develop analytic skills and acquire knowledge necessary to deal critically with issues and events in United States government and domestic politics. The course prepares students for college work by making demands upon them equivalent to those of full-year introductory college courses. Deep interest in the subject will be an asset. Strong reading and writing skills will be emphasized. The purchase of supplemental materials is necessary to successfully complete the course. Students are urged to take the Advanced Placement test in the spring.

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POLITICS - 172

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
Required Option Grade: 12
Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
Time Frame: Semester

In this course, students examine the dynamics of the American political system and the impact of political events on the United States government. The course focuses on current events, controversial issues, and political debate.

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY - 173

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
Required Option Grade: 12
Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
Time Frame: Semester

American Foreign Policy explores questions related to who makes foreign policy, how policy decisions have been made in the past, and how past and present policies might affect the future. Intensive study of special topics such as current events, the intelligence community, and US Policy overseas will be studied.

ECONOMICS - 174

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
Required Option Grade: 12
Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
Time Frame: Semester

In the first part of this course, students examine basic economic concepts in the study microeconomics. Later, the focus turns to macroeconomic concepts and their implementation in policy at both the national and global levels. Emphasis, however, will be placed on the U.S. economy and economic policy decisions.

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY: A COMPUTER SIMULATION - 175

Prerequisite: Two credits of Social Studies
Required Option Grade: 12
Graded: Conventionally Credit: 0.50
Time Frame: Semester

This course involves students in an exercise that focuses on the Arab/Israeli conflict. This activity is offered in conjunction with the University of Michigan's Computer Learning School. Additional international issues that affect the rest of the world will also be addressed. Students will participate in an exercise to gain knowledge of Mideast issues. Students will also learn word processing, functions of various telecommunications software, and use of the internet. The activity requires students to interact with other students around the world. As a result of this interaction, students develop persuasive writing skills. This class lends itself well to those students who prefer to take responsibility for their own learning and are self-motivated.