

REQUIRED COURSES

UNITED STATES HISTORY-FRESHMAN YEAR

United States History builds upon concepts developed in previous studies of U.S. History. Students are expected to identify and review significant events, persons, and movements in the early development of the nation. The course then gives major emphasis to the interaction of key events, people, and political, economic, social, and cultural influences in national developments from the late nineteenth century through the present. Students are expected to trace and analyze chronological periods and examine the significant themes and concepts in U.S. History. They will develop historical thinking and research skills and use primary and secondary sources to explore topical issues and to understand the cause for changes in the nation over time.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit each semester
- Fulfills the US History requirement of the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD-SOPHOMORE YEAR

Geography and History of the World is designed to enable students to use geographical skills and historical concepts to deepen their understanding of major global themes including the origin and spread of world religions; exploration; conquest, and imperialism; urbanization; and innovations and revolutions.

Geographical and historical skills include forming research questions, acquiring information by investigating a variety of primary and secondary sources, organizing information by creating graphic representations, analyzing information to determine and explain patterns and trends, and presenting and documenting findings orally and/or in writing. The historical geography concepts used to explore the global themes include change over time, origin, diffusion, physical systems, cultural landscapes, and spatial distribution and interaction.

Using these skills, concepts and the processes associated with them, students are able to analyze, evaluate, and make predictions about major global developments. This course is designed to nurture perceptive, responsible citizenship, encourage and support the development of critical thinking skills and lifelong learning, and to help prepare Indiana students for the 21st Century.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills a Social Studies requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT-SENIOR YEAR

United States Government provides a framework for understanding the purposes, principles, and practices of constitutional representative democracy in the United States. Responsible and effective participation of citizens is stressed. Students will understand the nature of citizenship, politics, and governments and understand the rights and responsibilities of citizens and how these are part of local, state, and national government. Students will examine how the United States Constitution protects rights and provides the structure and functions of various levels of government. How the United States interacts with other nations and the government's role in world affairs will be examined. Using primary and secondary resources, students will articulate, evaluate, and defend positions on political issues. As a result, they will be able to explain the role of individuals and groups in government, political, and civic activities and the need for civic and political engagement of citizens in the United States.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit
- Fulfills the Government requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

ECONOMICS-SENIOR YEAR

Economics examines the allocation of resources and their uses for satisfying human needs and wants. The course analyzes economic reasoning used by consumers, producers, savers, investors, workers, voters, and government in making decisions. Key elements of the course include study of scarcity and economic reasoning, supply and demand, market structures, role of government, national income determination, the role of financial institutions, economic stabilization, and trade. Students will explain that because resources are limited, people must make choices and understand the role that supply, demand, prices, and profits play in a market economy. The functions of government in a market economy and market structures will be examined. Students will understand economic performance, money, stabilization policies, and trade of the United States. The behavior of people, societies and institutions and economic thinking is integral to this course.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12

- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Fulfills the Economics requirement for the Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas, a Social Studies requirement for the General Diploma, or counts as an Elective for any diploma
- Qualifies as a Quantitative Reasoning course for the General diploma only

CURRENT ELECTIVES OFFERED:

CURRENT PROBLEMS, ISSUES, AND EVENTS (SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, OR SENIOR YEAR)

Current Problems, Issues, and Events gives students the opportunity to apply investigative and inquiry techniques to the study of significant problems or issues. Students develop competence in (1) recognizing cause and effect relationships, (2) recognizing fallacies in reasoning and propaganda devices, (3) synthesizing knowledge into useful patterns, (4) stating and testing hypotheses, and (5) generalizing based on evidence. Problems or issues selected will have contemporary historical significance and will be studies from the viewpoint of the social science disciplines. Community service programs and internships within the community may be included.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended /Required Prerequisites: none
- Credits: 1 semester, 1 credit. Course may be repeated for credit if the content of the course changes.
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

EUROPEAN HISTORY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT (JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR, WILL BE OFFERED AGAIN IN 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR)

European History, Advanced Placement is a course based on content established by the College Board. Topics include: (1) intellectual and cultural history, (2) political and diplomatic history, and (3) social and economic history. In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of AP European History are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: World History
- Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS: UNITED STATES, ADVANCED PLACEMENT (SENIOR YEAR)

Government and Politics: United States, Advanced Placement is a course based on content established by the College Board. Topics include: (1) constitutional underpinnings of United States government, (2) political beliefs and behaviors, (3) political parties, interest groups, and mass media, (4) institutions of national government, (5) public policy, and (6) civil rights and civil liberties. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

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INDIANA STUDIES (SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, OR SENIOR YEAR)

Indiana Studies is an integrated course that compares and contrasts state and national developments in the areas of politics, economics, history, and culture. The course uses Indiana history as a basis for understanding current policies, practices, and state legislative procedures. It also includes the study of state and national constitutions from a historical perspective and as a current foundation of government. Examination of individual leaders and their roles in a democratic society will be included and student will examine the participation of citizens in the political process. Selections from Indiana arts and literature may also be analyzed for insights into historical events and cultural expressions.

- Recommended Grade Level: None
- Recommended Prerequisites: None
- Credits: 1 semester course, 1 credit
- Counts as an Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

PSYCHOLOGY (JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR)

Psychology is the scientific study of mental processes and behavior. The course is divided into six content areas and uses the scientific methods to explore research methods and ethical consideration. Developmental psychology takes a life span approach to physical, cognitive, language, emotional, social, and moral development. Cognitive aspects of the course focus on learning, memory, information processing, and language. Personality, Assessment, and Mental Health topics include psychological disorders, treatment, personality, and assessment. Socio-cultural dimensions of behavior deal with topics such as conformity, obedience, perceptions, attitudes, and influence of the group on the individual. The Biological Basis focuses on the way the brain and nervous system function, including sensation, perception, motivation, and emotion.

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- Recommended Prerequisites: None
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ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY (Junior or Senior Year)

Psychology, Advanced Placement is a course based on content established by the College Board. This course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes. Topics include: (1) history and approaches, (2) research methods, (3) biological bases of behavior, (4) sensation and perception, (5) states of consciousness, (6) learning, (7) cognition, (8) motivation and emotion, (9) developmental psychology, (10) personality, (11) testing and individual differences, (12) abnormal psychology, (13) treatment of psychological disorders, and (14) social psychology A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

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Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Credits: A 1 or 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester. This course and corresponding exam are intended to be comparable to the corresponding one-semester college level course.

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SOCIOLOGY (JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR, IS ALSO OFFERED FOR COLLEGE CREDIT IF STUDENT SO CHOOSES)

Sociology allows students to study human social behavior from a group perspective. The sociological perspective is a method of studying recurring patterns in people's attitudes and actions and how these patterns vary across time, cultures, and in social settings and groups. Students will describe the development of sociology as a social science and identify methods of research. Through research methods such as scientific inquiry students will examine society, group behavior, and social structures. The influence of culture on group behavior is addressed through institutions such as the family, religion, education, economics, community organizations, government, and political and social groups. The impact of social groups and institutions on group and individual behavior and the changing nature of society will be examined. Influences on group behavior and social problems are included in the course. Students will also analyze the role of individuals in the community and social problems in today's world.

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UNITED STATES HISTORY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT

United States History, Advanced Placement is a course based on the content established by the College Board. The course has a chronological frame from 1492 to the present and focuses on multiple causation and change in United States history over time. A variety of historical themes are examined in order to place the history of the United States into larger analytical contexts. Students are expected to analyze and interpret primary sources and develop awareness of multiple interpretations of historical issues in secondary sources. Historical events and issues in U.S. history are to be examined from multiple perspectives. A comprehensive description of this course can be found on the College Board AP Central Course Description web page at:

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