

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**World History**            Grade 9                            1 Year            1 credit  
(Required Course)

**SS101-102**

World History is the study of world cultures and the history of man, with special emphasis upon the western world. Also included in the course is the effect of geography upon history, the development of religious beliefs, specialization of labor, major governments, with emphasis upon democracy, the development of class structures and writing. A variety of social studies skills are developed and reinforced.

**US History**            Grade 10                            1 Year            1 credit  
(Required Course)

**SS201-202** Beginning with Class of 2005

This course will present the events and direction of our nation's history from the first days of our Declaration of Independence through today's responsibilities to maintain our freedom and our involvement with the rest of the world. Students will learn what they need to know about our foundations and the consequences of our country's decisions as they prepare to make U.S. History.

**U.S. Government**    (Required) Grade 11 1 Semester    ½ credit

**SS305**

A full-blown, in-depth look at the workings of the American political system and government. This course will provide you with the high school U.S. and Illinois Constitution requirement for graduation. During the course you will explore the whys and hows of U.S. government as well have the opportunity to register to vote at age 18. You will discover how your citizenship works and how to use it in everyday situations and problems. Find out why your vote DOES count!! A unit on Illinois History will also be included.

**Electives are available to juniors and seniors only. Beginning with Class of 2005, students will need to complete one elective for Social Studies requirement for graduation.**

**Sociology**            Grades 11-12                            1 Semester    ½ credit

**SS309**

Sociology is the scientific study of human society and social interaction. Effects of culture, socialization, and social structure will be explored as well as their impact on humanity. Students will be encouraged to apply the sociological perspective to their own world. Do you socialize within a social structure? If you answered "yes," sign up for Sociology. Find out how you impact or can impact humanity.

**Economics**            Grades 11-12                            1 Semester    ½ credit

**SS307**

GNP, NASDAQ, NYSE.....ever wonder what all that means? The study of economics involves production, distribution and consumption of goods and services as well as management of wealth. This course is a great introduction to collegiate courses for accounting, business and finance. You will discover how the stock market works, how our government handles money, what happens to your tax dollars, why business works the way it does and how to manage a personal portfolio.

**American Studies**                      Grade 12                      1 Semester    ½ credit  
**SS306**

Students will be introduced to the influences of national and international politics, economics, and cultural differences. Contemporary literature and commentary will be integral to this study.

**Psychology in Your Life**            Grades 11-12            1 Semester    ½ credit  
**SS303**

Why are you the way you are? Do you find yourself asking that question? Help yourself answer this question by looking into your growth from adolescence to old age to death. Find out how and why you learn, how your thinking and language develop, what motivates you, and what makes you so emotional. This is a very introspective class that not only educates you on psychology, it educates you on yourself!

**Psychology: The Mind in Conflict** Grades 11-12    1 Semester    ½ credit  
**SS304**

Did you ever wonder what your IQ is? Are you stressed out? Did you ever wonder about the evil that people do? This class can help you answer these questions as you study testing, health issues, psychological disorders, therapy, and many social issues involving the science of psychology. You will also get an introduction into career opportunities in the field of psychology including a look at profiling as we investigate a serial killer! Come join us!

**Birth of a Nation**            Grades 11-12            1 Semester    ½ credit  
**SS308**

What were our forefathers thinking? Find out! An in-depth study of the early years of the United States starting with colonization, working through the various problems with Great Britain that would lead to Revolution, and the formidable years that helped shape the nation. A detailed look at the struggles of our forefathers and how their thinking affects us today.