

SOCIAL STUDIES

REQUIRED COURSES

9th GRADE

MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY OR MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY (HONORS)

10th GRADE

WORLD HISTORY OR AP WORLD HISTORY (HONORS)

11th GRADE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR AP GOVERNMENT & POLITICS – AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

To fulfill the current graduation requirement in Social Studies beyond 10th grade, the student must earn one-half elective credit in Social Studies, in addition to the state mandated Government course.

9th GRADE

157001/157002

Modern United States History

Infinite Campus Name: **MOD US HIST**

Grade(s): 09

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

Modern U.S. History includes the study of domestic and foreign events and issues that shaped the United States from 1870 through contemporary America. Students will analyze a variety of primary and secondary sources, ask compelling questions, investigate significant events and change over time, discuss ideas from multiple perspectives, share their thinking across multiple written and visual forms of communication, and practice the skills of an engaged citizen.

158001/158002

Modern United States History, Honors

Infinite Campus Name: **+US HIST**

Grade(s): 09

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

Honors Modern U.S. History includes the study of domestic and foreign events and issues that shaped the United States from 1870 through contemporary America. Students will analyze a variety of primary and secondary sources, ask compelling questions, investigate significant events and change over time, discuss ideas from multiple perspectives, share their thinking across multiple written and visual forms of communication, and practice the skills of an engaged citizen. Honors students will explore content more deeply and engage with more challenging texts and sources. A weighted grade is given.

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10th GRADE

157011/157012

World History: The Modern Era

Infinite Campus Name: **WORLD HIST**

Grade(s): 10

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

In this course, students will trace the development of world history from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century by concentrating on the specific periods, persons, and events of greatest significance to development. Study includes comparisons of past and present events as well as comparisons of western and non-western development to foster an understanding of the political, social, geographic and economic status of several nations in the world today. Students will analyze a variety of primary and secondary sources, ask compelling questions, investigate significant events and change over time, discuss ideas from multiple perspectives, share their thinking across multiple written and visual forms of communication, and practice the skills of an engaged global citizen.

159011/159012

AP World History

Infinite Campus Name: **+AP WRLD HIS**

Grade(s): 10 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

AP World History works to develop a greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts including interactions over time. The course highlights the nature of changes in international frameworks and their causes and consequences, as well as comparisons among major societies. The course will flow chronologically while examining five major historical themes. The course prepares students to take the AP World History exam. Students have the option to earn college credit through the AP examination. A weighted grade is given.

11TH GRADE

157100

United States Government

Infinite Campus Name: **GOVERNMENT**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

In this course, students closely examine federal and state systems, structures, principles, and historical foundations of government. Attention will be given to the role of economics, social structures, individual perspectives, interest groups, and foreign influences in American politics. Students will think critically about issues concerning the United States' government, the impact of decision-making on a variety of peoples and groups, and their own role as an engaged citizen. Successful completion of this course is required for

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graduation. In accordance with Missouri law, all Parkway students must pass examinations on their knowledge of the United States and Missouri Constitutions administered during this course. The course also includes the End of Course Assessment required by the state of Missouri. This course is also available as a completely virtual/online course. Students who are interested should contact their counselor regarding the process for enrolling in an online course.

159121/159122

AP US Government & Politics and AP Comparative Government & Politics

Infinite Campus Name: **+AP GOV/COMP**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

This course is designed to challenge students who are interested in advanced studies in government. Students study the history, institutions, branches, functions, electoral processes, and citizens' role in the governments of the local area, the state of Missouri, and the United States. The course includes an emphasis on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, as well as a study of the principles and provisions of the Missouri and the United States Constitutions. The government of the United States is compared with the governments of other industrialized democracies as well as the political systems of Communist states and developing countries. Students investigate the rich diversity of political life, structures, institutions, processes, policies, and change over time across the globe. The course includes the End of Course Assessment and The Constitution examination(s), as required by the state of Missouri. Students must pass The Constitution examination(s) to meet state graduation requirements. This course prepares students for the AP US Government & Politics and the AP Comparative Government & Politics exams. Students have the option to earn college credit through the AP examination. A weighted grade is given.

ELECTIVES 11TH – 12TH GRADE

157350

History of St. Louis

Infinite Campus Name: **HIS ST LOUIS**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

This course will provide an overview of the unique and diverse history of St. Louis. Students will follow the course of development of this small 18th Century trading post as it expands into a major metropolis at the turn of the 20th Century, and will culminate with an examination of the city as it now exists. The course will discuss individuals who are important to the development of the city, but will emphasize the significant contributions (e.g. architecture, music, art) of the culturally diverse people who have made the city of St. Louis what it is today. The course will culminate with students examining and debating contemporary, as well as future issues that face our community.

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157370

Media in America

Infinite Campus Name: **MEDIA&AMER**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

This course will examine the role of various types of media such as print, film, cinema, radio, television, newspapers, news magazines, campaign ads, and the Internet in shaping American culture and history. The changing media and changing role of the influence of the media will be examined related to significant topics, periods, and events in history such as the role of colonial news in the American Revolution, enticing people to move west, stating the north/south case at the time of the Civil War, building the west, influencing views during war, as well as shaping today's issues and events in our own nation and abroad.

157700

Economics

Infinite Campus Name: **ECONOMICS**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

This course introduces students to basic economic concepts associated with our free enterprise/capitalistic economy. Basic principles included in the course include scarcity, production, distribution, consumption, supply/demand, inflation, recession, business, labor, and banking. Students will have the opportunity to learn through independent research and discussion.

157750

Crime and the Law

Infinite Campus Name: **CRIME & LAW**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

This course studies crime in America and how our society deals with those who break its laws. Topics studied will include an examination of civil and criminal law, constitutional law, individual rights, theories of the causes of criminal behavior, the structure and function of the legal system, and examination of the penal system, and the roles of police, attorneys, and judges. The course will introduce landmark decisions, case studies, and guest speakers. This course will provide for individual research

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157760

Contemporary Issues

Infinite Campus Name: **CONTMP ISSUE**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

This course will focus on modern issues in all areas of social studies: political, economic, and social. The students will read from several sources, including a weekly news magazine. Current events will be studied with a historical perspective and projection of future possibilities. Both domestic and international issues will be examined. A large segment of class time will be devoted to discussion. Therefore, classroom participation during discussions will be expected.

157790

Sociology

Infinite Campus Name: **SOCIOLOGY**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

Sociology is the study of human behavior in groups which range from two people to societies of millions of people. Students will gain an understanding of important sociological concepts such as culture, socialization, status, role and group dynamics. Students will use the tools and techniques of sociology along with audiovisuals, group discussions, and simulations to investigate and analyze human relationships. This course is also available as a completely virtual/online course. Students who are interested should contact their counselor regarding the process for enrolling in an online course.

157800

Psychology

Infinite Campus Name: **PSYCHOLOGY**

Grade(s): 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

Psychology introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental process of human beings. Psychology is a behavioral science, which studies the individual's personality, emotions, intelligence, interactions, creativity and motivation. Topics include an introduction to the field, experimental method, sensation, perception, learning, personality, memory and thinking, abnormal psychology, states of consciousness and psychological therapy.

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157820

Environmental Issues

Infinite Campus Name: **ENVRNMT ISSU**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

Students will explore the development of the environmental movement, its successes and failures, and the reasons for current environmental backlash. Units of study will focus on societal issues that impact wildlife preservation, air and water pollution, land use, population and energy options. Each student will examine and develop an understanding of environmental issues that provide a framework of knowledge into which they can integrate global information for a lifetime of continuous learning.

157830

Modern Warfare

Infinite Campus Name: **MRDN WARFARE**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

This course will take a look at some very important questions concerning the origins of war as well as the study of World War I and World War II, the Cold War conflicts, the Gulf War, and the War on Terrorism. Students will confront and discuss tough questions such as Is war part of human nature? What reasons (if any) justify the use of war? What limits should be used in waging war? Can there ever be an end to warfare altogether? An in-depth look into the military history of our past century will challenge students to evaluate how war fits into our future world.

157860

Rap, Rock, and Jazz: History Through Pop Music

Infinite Campus Name: **RAP ROCK JAZZ HISTORY**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

Art reflects culture, and culture reflects the art. This course will examine the birth and growth of the blues, jazz, rock, and hip-hop over the course of the 20th century to the present. We will look at how these art forms are interrelated, and how each has developed, morphed and redefined themselves over time. Moreover, we will study the cultural, social, and political context that fostered their genesis and evolution, as well as the people associated with them.

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HONORS & AP ELECTIVES 11TH – 12TH GRADE

159301/159302

AP United States History

Infinite Campus Name: **+AP US HIST**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

AP United States History asks students to think conceptually about the changing nature of American society, politics, and the economy over a wide-span of time. Students investigate history through seven major themes: American and National Identity; Migration and Settlement; Politics and Power; Work, Exchange, and Technology; America and the World; Geography and the Environment; and Culture and Society. Attention is given to analytical and interpretive issues in the field American History, and how historical trends continue to influence our country. In this course, students will engage in a variety of challenging texts, including the course textbook, primary and secondary sources, and non-print-based media, and improve their writing skills specific to historical analysis and synthesis. This course prepares students for the AP United States History exam. Students have the option to earn college credit through the AP examination. A weighted grade is given.

159511/159512

AP Human Geography

Infinite Campus Name: **+AP HUM GEO**

Grade(s): 11 - 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

AP Human Geography is a college level introductory geography course. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of human geography and analyze current world problems, social organization, and environmental issues by studying where human activity takes place, why it takes place there, and the impact on our world. The course prepares students for the AP Human Geography exam. Students have the option to earn college credit through the AP examination. A weighted grade is given.

159801/159802

AP Psychology

Infinite Campus Name: **+AP PSYCHOLO**

Grade(s): 12

Prerequisite: None

1/2 Social Studies credit each semester

AP Psychology introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental process of human beings. Students will be exposed to psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They will also learn about the methods psychologists use to explore the process involved in normal and abnormal perceptions, thoughts, feelings and actions. This course prepares students for the AP Psychology exam. Students have the option to earn college credit through the AP examination. A weighted grade is given.