

# Social Studies

## World History and Geography

*1 Full Year*

*1 Credit Hour*

*Grade: 10*

*Prerequisite: None*

Modern World History and Geography examines world events from 1600 to the present with an added emphasis on geographic literacy. It explores the impact of the democratic and industrial revolutions, the forces that led to world domination by European powers, the wars that changed empires, the ideas that led to independence movements and the effects of global interdependence from a Catholic perspective. The concepts of historical thinking introduced in earlier grades continue to build with students locating and analyzing primary and secondary sources from multiple perspectives to draw conclusions.

## United States History

*1 Full Year*

*1 Credit Hour*

*Grade: 11*

*Prerequisite: None*

A study of the important topics / themes in American history: cause and effect and their relationship to American life as it is today from a Catholic perspective.

## Advanced Placement United States History

*1 Full Year*

*1 Credit Hour*

*Grade: 11*

*Prerequisite: See your Western Civilization teacher for the application process.*

The Advanced Placement History program presents a college level survey course of the important topics / themes of American History, their cause and effect, and relationship to American life today from a Catholic perspective. Students are required to take the National Advanced Placement Examination. Depending on results of the student's examination grade, colleges may grant advanced placement and/or college credit.

## Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics

*1 Semester*

*½ Credit Hour*

*Grade: 12*

*Prerequisite: None*

In-depth study of the Constitution, the three branches of government and the system of checks and balances. Additional studies in the origin and function of government, state and local government, political parties and interest groups. Other subject areas such as current events, economics, geography, U.S. foreign policy, and the Catholic perspective, will be addressed. Students have the option to take the National Advanced Placement Examination. Depending on the results of the student's examination grade, colleges may grant advanced placement and/or college credit.

## Advanced Placement Microeconomics

1 Semester

½ Credit Hour

Grade: 12

Prerequisite: None

AP Microeconomics is a college-level course that introduces students to the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual economic decision-makers. The course also develops students' familiarity with the operation of product and factor markets, distributions of income, market failure, and the role of government in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy. Students learn to use graphs, charts, and data to analyze, describe, and explain economic concepts. From personal finance, perspective students will be introduced to the basic functions of managing the financial well-being of an adult who earns currency in exchange for labor. Students will then be asked to apply these functions to and with microeconomic principles. Students have the option to take the National Advanced Placement Examination. Depending on the results of the student's examination grade, colleges may grant advanced placement and/or college credit.

## American Military History

1 Semester

½ Credit Hour

Grades: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Social Studies teacher approval.

### Elective

This course will concentrate on the major military conflicts that the United States has been involved in from the French and Indian War to modern times. There will be a concentration on tactics, leadership, and specific battles over the course of American History. Students will come to understand how leadership, terrain, climate, and even chance played in the outcome of battles. Students will be given the opportunity to discover what war meant to the individual soldier using diaries (primary resources), reenactments, hands-on-activities and guest speakers.

## Minorities in America

1 Semester

½ Credit Hour

Grade: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

### Elective

Minorities in America is a study of the impact and interaction between the United States federal and state governments with various groups in the United States since the end of the Civil War. Catholic Social teaching will be featured in the class. Most of the course load will be focused on analyzing the impact of legislation and enforcement mechanisms directed at specific groups, as well as the response of those groups to government action.