

## **Social Studies Department**

### **611 H American Cultures (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 9**

This course is an in-depth evaluation of the history and development of the nation. It examines the period of early exploration, colonial times, links to and freedom from Great Britain, Sectionalism, and the Civil War and Reconstruction eras. Topics include major political, economic, social, and foreign problems that faced the United States from pre-Columbian time to the 1900's. Students are required to write short papers, participate in class discussions, evaluate printed materials characteristic of the era, and demonstrate a working knowledge of events that contribute to understanding our modern society. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking skills.

### **612 CP American Cultures (1 Cr.)**

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The purpose of this course is to give students an understanding of the nation's social and economic growth, the development of political equality, the Intellectual basis of American life, and sectional differences in the United States from pre-Columbian time to the 1900's. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking skills.

### **621 H World Cultures (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 10**

This course is an in-depth study of the development of Western Civilization. Topics include the cultural, historical, social, and geographical backgrounds of these people and their influence on the development of Western Civilization.

Civilizations of ancient man and the effects of the Scientific, Industrial, and Social Revolutions on the development of Western Culture are discussed. Students are required to write short papers, participate in class discussions, evaluate printed materials and various media, and to evaluate current event topics for an understanding of modern society.

Prerequisites: 85 in Honors American Cultures; 93 in Regular American Cultures; Department approval

### **622 CP World Cultures (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 10**

This course aims to develop an understanding of the attitudes, problems, and culture of modern society. The study includes the development of the civilization of man, the formation of the first true civilization, the great cultures of ancient man and their influence on modern society, and the effect of the Scientific, Industrial, and Social Revolutions.

### **631 H 20th Century America and Beyond (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 11**

This course provides students with an in-depth study of the United States in the 20th Century. Emphasis is placed on the development of the political process, involvement in World War I and II, the 20's, causes and consequences of the Depression, Korea, Vietnam, and the 60's. Independent assignments will be given throughout the year.

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### **641 H U.S. Government (1 Cr.)**

**Grade 12**

The U.S. Government course will engage students four major areas. Included will be the U.S. Governmental system, Economics, the Judicial System, and Political Science. U.S. Government will include an in-depth study of the Federal System and the branches of Government and a students' role in the government. Economics will include an introduction to both Micro and Macro Economics and the organization and decision making process in the economy system. Students will be expected to apply the principals of economics to everyday life. The study of the Judicial System will include the national, state and local systems emphasizing the Supreme Court and cases throughout history local to Pennsylvania. Political Science will be addressed by a focus on citizenship and involvement in political parties, campaigning, elections, socialization and the role the media plays in these areas. All sections will include a focus on current events which is essential to understanding.

*Assessments for the Honors Course will be more in-depth and projects will be more challenging.*

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**636 CP Sociology (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This course offers a study of the structures of society and the role they play in the way people live and act. Students will explore, discuss and analyze culture, roles in society, social norms, as well as social structures and institutions and social problems today. The class encourages participation of students through class discussion.

**638 CP History of Women in America (1 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This year-long course is a general introduction to the role and experiences of women in American history. It will examine broad themes from the Colonial Period to the present. While tracing larger trends and identifying common experiences, the course will pay close attention to the specific experiences of individual women. Evaluation in this course will be based primarily on projects and tests with specific *required readings* from the Internet. Class participation and group assignments will be major requirements of this course. Several short research assignments and one long term paper will be required in the course.

**639 CP The American Civil War (1 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This course will summarize and present the major events and battles related to the Civil War in chronological order. It will set forth the major political issues and philosophies that set the stage for the Civil War, sustained the conflict, and continue to linger on to this day. It will discuss life on the home front and its effects on today's society. Finally, the reconstruction of the country will be discussed and its after effects.

**646 CP World Geography (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This semester course will enable students to examine all aspects of geography, providing students with a concrete understanding of major geographic locations, world economic activities, historical and cultural aspects of societies, and an understanding of geographic tools and themes. This material will be explored using lesson presentations and the student text as well as supplemental readings, map studies, and current events.

**648 CP Pennsylvania Heritage (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

In this course, students explore historic, geographic, economic, and political aspects of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Emphasis is placed on Schuylkill, Carbon, and Luzerne counties, and the "Coal Region." Map skills, current events, and appreciation of Pennsylvania's role in the United States are incorporated. Materials include a text, the Pennsylvania Manual, various magazines, and available literature. Multi-media resources are widely implemented into the curriculum. Course enrollment is limited to 15 students.