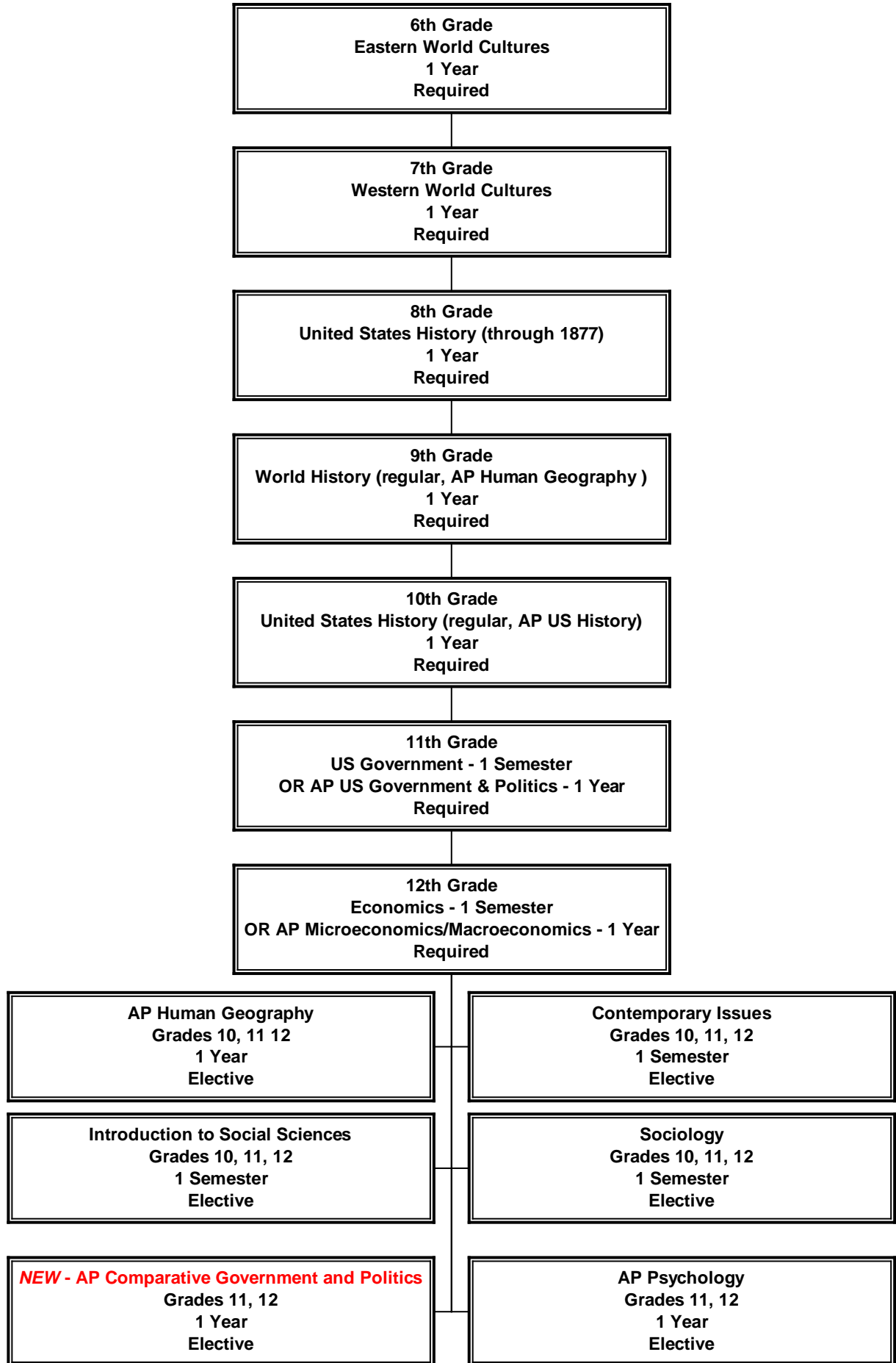


Menomonee Falls School District
Social Studies Curriculum 6-12 – 2017-2018



Social Studies

Mission Statement:

The mission of the social studies department is to produce students who exhibit historical literacy and have the skills necessary to make informed decisions.

Course Title	Course Number	Length	Year Taken
World History (regular)	SS370	Year	9
AP Human Geography-Honors	SS700/SS701	Year	9
United States History (regular)	SS319	Year	10
AP United States History-Honors	SS295/SS296	Year	10
US Government	SS142	Semester	11
AP United States Government and Politics-Honors	SS151/ SS152	Year	11
Economics	SS122	Semester	12
AP Microeconomics/Macroeconomics-Honors	SS105/ SS106	Year	12
AP Human Geography-Honors (Elective)	SS700/SS701	Year	10-12
Contemporary Issues	SS225	Semester	10-12
Introduction to Social Sciences	SS222	Semester	10-12
Sociology	SS260	Semester	10-12
AP Comparative Government and Politics-Honors	SS420/SS421	Year	11-12
AP Psychology-Honors	SS228/ SS229	Year	11-12
Criminology (Online)	SS502	Semester	10-12

WORLD HISTORY

One Year Course

Grade 9

No Prerequisite

Course Number: SS370

World History is a survey course covering geography and world history from the 14th century to modern times, both western and non-western worlds. Topics include: the five themes of geography, world religions, the Renaissance and the era of exploration and discovery; the growth of democracy and nationalism; the Industrial Revolution; the two world wars; the Cold War; and the modern era. The development and influence of various religions, philosophies, and political, social and economic systems are also examined in context.

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY-HONORS

One Year Course

Grade 9

Recommendation-Map reading score of 230

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: SS700

Semester 2: SS701

The AP Human Geography course is equivalent to an introductory college-level course in human geography. The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth’s surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to: Interpret maps and analyze geospatial data; understand and explain the implications of associations and networks among phenomena in places; recognize and interpret the relationships among patterns and processes at different scales of analysis; Define regions and evaluate the regionalization process; and characterize and analyze changing interconnections among places.

UNITED STATES HISTORY

One year Course

Grade 10**No Prerequisite**

Course Number: SS319

This course is intended to provide the student with an awareness of the diverse heritage of American society and to identify the place and role of the United States in the modern world. The course will trace developments in U.S. History from the end of the Civil War through the Reagan-Bush era. Students will be expected to develop skills in critical thinking and writing. Students will also be encouraged to formulate their own ideas as to historic causation. In addition to history, the following concepts are presented and developed: economic, political, social, and geographical.

AP UNITED STATES HISTORY-HONORS

One year Course

Grade 10***Recommendation-Map reading score of 230***

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: SS295

Semester 2: SS296

This course is a year-long study for students who wish to prepare to take the Advanced Placement examination in United States History. Those students who successfully complete the examination will be eligible to receive college credit in history. The course is reserved for juniors and seniors who have demonstrated strong writing and analytical skills in their U.S. History class, World History classes and English classes.

Major themes of the course are determined by the College Board in order to ensure that students are exposed to the material necessary for satisfactory performance on the AP exam. The themes covered will range from Colonialism through the age of Conservatism. Students will be interpreting cause and effect of significant historical events, analyzing concepts such as democracy, freedom and equality, recognizing how geographic factors have influenced U.S. history, and examining terminology, individuals and occurrences paramount to understanding our nation's creation and development.

The College Board strongly recommends that a student take the AP United States History class prior to attempting to pass the AP Exam. While no one can absolutely guarantee that a student who takes the course will receive a satisfactory score on the exam, having taken the course would enhance his or her chances immeasurably. Without the instruction provided in this class, a student would be hard pressed to perform satisfactorily. A fee is required to take the exam.

US GOVERNMENT

One Semester Course

Grade 11

Course Number: SS142

The state mandated Civics Test will be administered in this class.

This course examines contemporary issues and problems facing American government. Both the structure and the current operation of the institutions of government will be studied. Topics to be discussed include constitutional principles, the electoral process and voting, courts and law, the role of the presidency, First Amendment rights, and other civil rights and liberties. Students will be expected to use critical thinking skills to analyze and evaluate current issues and policies.

AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS-HONORS

One Year Course

Grade 11***Recommendation-Map reading score of 230***

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: SS151

Semester 2: SS152

The state mandated Civics Test will be administered in this class.

This course will fulfill the US Government requirement for graduation. It is a year-long study for students who wish to prepare to take the Advanced Placement examination in United States Government and Politics in May. Those students who successfully complete the exam will be eligible to receive college credit in Political Science.

The major themes of the course are determined by the College Board in order to ensure that students cover the material necessary for satisfactory performance on the AP exam. This course will give the students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. It includes both the studies of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific examples. Areas of concentration include the Constitution, political beliefs and behaviors, political parties, interest groups and mass media, institutions of the National Government, public policy, civil rights and civil liberties.

The College Board strongly recommends that a student take the AP United States Government and Politics class prior to attempting to pass the AP exam. While no one can absolutely guarantee that a student who takes the course will receive a satisfactory score on the exam, having taken the course would enhance his or her chances immeasurably. A fee is required to take the exam.

ECONOMICS

One Semester Course

Grade 12

Course Number: SS122

Economics is a discipline that is deeply intertwined in our everyday lives. Every decision that we make as individuals and as nations is an economic decision. The study of economics not only provides students with a rich framework for understanding many complex institutions that impact our lives, but it also promotes the development of critical thinking skills. In order for students to successfully participate in an increasingly complex and globally interconnected world it is critical that students acquire a basic level of economic literacy along with analytical and conceptual skills that enable students to interpret complex events, interactions and sets of data. The primary goals of this course are to foster basic economic

AP MICROECONOMICS/MACROECONOMICS-HONORS

One Year Course

Grade 12***Recommendation-Map reading score of 230***

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: SS105

Semester 2: SS106

literacy and economic thinking skills that will enable students to think critically and to make better informed personal and public decisions.

This course will fulfill the Economics requirement for graduation. This AP course gives the students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the economic system. It places primary emphasis on the nature and functions of product markets, and includes the study of factor markets and the role of government in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy. Students will understand fiscal and monetary policy and the business cycle as well as the U.S. banking system.

The College Board strongly recommends that a student take the AP Economics class prior to attempting to pass the AP exam. While no one can absolutely guarantee that a student who takes the course will receive a satisfactory score on the exam, having taken the course would enhance his or her chances immeasurably. A fee is required to take the exam.

SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY-HONORS

One Year Course

Grade 10-12***Recommendation-Map reading score of 230***

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: SS700

Semester 2: SS701

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CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

One Semester Course

Grades 10-12**No Prerequisite**

Course Number: SS225

Global Issues is an elective designed to investigate events in the world and analyze the ways they impact our lives. It is a survey of current, local, national and international events. Topics will be chosen by the teacher as well as the students and explored through discussion, cooperative learning, multi-media presentations, internet research, debates, field trips and student/teacher presentations. Tentative topics include: environmental issues, current world conflicts/wars, human rights violations, natural disasters and social concerns.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL SCIENCES

One Semester Course

Grades 10-12**No Prerequisite**

Course Number: SS222

Knowledge and understanding of the social sciences place students in position to understand themselves as citizens within an integrated global society. The Intro to Social Sciences course is an elective course that will introduce students to various disciplines within the social sciences. Topics will include: Criminology, Psychology, Comparative Cultures, Cultural Anthropology, Geography, and Globalization, Global Ethics and Human Rights. Through class discussion, cooperative learning, debates, student/teacher presentations and other activities, students will gain information that will prepare them for future Social Science classes and life beyond the classroom.

SOCIOLOGY

One Semester Course

Grades 10-12**No Prerequisite**

Course Number: SS260

Sociology is a one semester course intended to give you a broad picture of the field of sociology. Sociology is a science focused on the study of human society and social behavior. Sociologists concentrate their attention on social interaction—the ways in which people relate to one another and influence each other's behavior. The Study of Sociology provides you with the tools to develop a sociological imagination, or the ability to see the connection between the larger social world and our personal lives. Units include culture, social groups & institutions, socialization, deviance and social control, and the inequalities of social class and race. Most course work is project-based. Discussion and free expression of opinions are important aspects in this elective.

AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS-HONORS

One Year Course

Grades 11- 12**Recommendation-Map reading score of 230**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: SS420

Semester 2: SS421



This course is a year-long study for students who wish to prepare to take the Advanced placement exam in Comparative Politics in May. Those students who successfully complete the exam will be eligible to receive college credit in Political Science. AP Comparative Government and Politics is designed to provide students with the conceptual tools necessary to develop an understanding of some of the world's diverse political structures and practices. We will examine six countries in detail: Great Britain, Russia, China, Mexico, Nigeria, and Iran. These countries are taught because they are excellent examples of the six core topics of a comparative

government course. These topics include methodology, power, institutional structure, civil society, political and economic change, and public policy. Careful comparisons of political systems produces useful knowledge about institutions and policies countries have employed to address problems or policies that have in fact made problems worse. For example, we compare the effectiveness of policy approaches to poverty or overpopulation by examining how different countries attempt to solve similar problems. The course aims to illustrate the rich diversity of political life, to show available institutional alternatives to explain different processes and policy outcomes, and to communicate to students the importance of global political and economic changes. Comparisons assist both in identifying problems and in analyzing policy making.

AP PSYCHOLOGY-HONORS

One Year Course

Grades 11-12

Recommendation-Map reading score of 230

Course Number:

Semester 1: SS228

Semester 2: SS229

AP Psychology is a yearlong introductory psychology course. It is designed for students who wish to experience a university-level psychology course and prepare for the AP exam in May. This course is taught at a college level and student study habits should reflect that fact. Topics covered include: History, Approaches, Research Methods, Sensation and Perceptions, States of Consciousness, Learning, Cognition and Memory, Motivation and Emotion, Developmental Psychology, Personality, Psychological Disorders and Treatment, and Social Psychology.

The College Board strongly recommends that a student take the AP Psychology class prior to attempting to pass the AP Exam. While no one can absolutely guarantee that a student who takes the course will receive a satisfactory score on the exam, having taken the course would enhance his or her chances immeasurably. Without the instruction provided in this class, a student would be hard pressed to perform satisfactorily. A fee is required to take the exam.

The following course does not fulfill the social studies graduation requirement but may be an option for an elective credit for students with interest and skills in social studies.

Online Opportunities:

- **Criminology – see Online Opportunities section on page 38.**