

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT



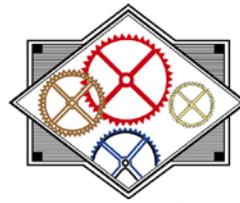
Arts & Communications



Business, Management Marketing & Technology



Health Science



Engineering/Manufacturing & Industrial Technology



Human Services



Natural Resources & Agriscience

VPAA – Meets Visual, Performing & Applied Arts Requirement

OLE – Meets Online Learning Experience Requirement

GR/MMC – Meets Graduation Requirements based on Michigan Merit Curriculum

WORLD HISTORY (OLE) – C050	REQUIRED CLASS	9	1.0 credit
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The purpose of this World History Course is to increase student's knowledge of our world from Classical world to the present. Experiencing world history and understanding its relevance to the modern world is the goal of this course. Recognizing that students must develop an appreciation and understanding of the world's cultures and the growing interdependence of world regions, this course would seek to develop in the student a balanced multicultural perspective.

AP WORLD HISTORY (OLE) – C051		9, 10, 11, 12	1.0 credit
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PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendations Advised.

This course explores the evolution and interaction of critical global civilizations. The course relies heavily on college-level texts and primary source documents. Students will learn to utilize several strategies to build fluency and confidence in their reading ability as well as in analytical writing through essays and document-based questions. A course objective is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement examination administered by the College Board in May of each year. The test is optional, and actual performance on the AP exam will determine whether college credit will be earned.

US HISTORY 1900 – PRESENT (OLE) – C114	REQUIRED CLASS	10	1.0 credit
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This course is organized as a chronological survey of American history beginning with the Progressive Era through WWI and the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression and WWII, the Cold War and Vietnam Era, and culminating in a study of the US in the modern era. Political, economic and social aspects of the American experience will be studied with an emphasis on the ideas, people, issues and events of the times.

AP UNITED STATES HISTORY (OLE) – C130 10, 11, 12 1.0 credit

PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendation Advised.

Advanced Placement United States History is for the highly motivated student who is willing to accept the responsibility and challenges of a college-level experience. This college-preparatory course develops and/or improves those skills necessary to get into and survive the first year at a university. Special emphasis is placed upon how our nation today - politically, socially, economically, and culturally is a direct outgrowth of our past. A course objective is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination administered by the College Board in May of each year. The test is optional, and actual performance on the AP examination will determine whether college credit will be earned.

CONTEMPORARY LIVING (OLE) – C140 11, 12 .5 credit

This course will help students understand and improve family relationships, as well as establish lifestyle goals for the future. Emphasis will be on skill development and communication techniques. Other topics include the needs in different stages of life, dealing with the changes of life, and coordinating work with family life. Students will develop the ability to recognize and/or cope with problems such as abuse, divorce, remarriage, aging family members, and death.

ECONOMICS (OLE) – C150 **REQUIRED CLASS** 11 .5 credit

The purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the role of economics in the shaping of everyday life. Topics studied include the operation of a market economy, advertising, swindles, our money system, credit, investment, personal finance, budgeting, collective bargaining, economic stability, money and banking, public policy, economic cycles, comparative economic systems, and the stock market. Economic skills will be developed using computer-assisted resources.

AP MICROECONOMICS (OLE) – C152 11, 12 .5 credit

PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendation Advised.

Advanced Placement Micro Economics is a course that will focus on the content needed to build a sound knowledge of economic fundamentals as well as an understanding of the specifics within its content area that will prepare students for the AP Micro Economics Exam. The course will utilize college level materials, primary sources and web-based resources. Students will be required to participate in daily activities, complete challenging exams and complete a variety of projects to gain and understanding of micro economics concepts and their relation to the world of business today. Writing skills will also be emphasized to help students prepare for document-based questions that are a significant portion of the AP Exam. This course will also serve as a foundation for future study of economics and business.

AP MACROECONOMICS (OLE) – C153 11, 12 .5 credit

PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendation Advised.

Advanced Placement Macro Economics is a semester long course that will focus on the content necessary to build a broad-based knowledge of economic fundamentals and prepare students for the AP Macro Economics Exam. The course will utilize college level materials, primary sources and web-based resources. Students will be required to participate in daily activities, complete challenging exams and complete a variety of projects to gain and understanding of fundamental economic concepts and their relation to the world of business today. Writing skills will also be emphasized to help students prepare for document-based questions that are a significant portion of the AP Exam. This course will also serve as a foundation for future study of economics and business.

<u>PSYCHOLOGY</u> (OLE) – C160	11, 12	.5 credit
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Psychology explores basic principles of human behavior with an emphasis on the major characteristics of mental health, theories of learning, and personality development. Other topics covered are mental disorders, motivation, and study skills. Traditional and modern theories of psychology will be presented.

<u>AP PSYCHOLOGY</u> (OLE) – C161	11, 12	1.0 credit
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PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendation Advised.

The goal of this course full year course is to increase the understanding of psychology; its methods, theory and research, with the objective of having each student pass the Advanced Placement Examination. The course will explore the psychological facts, principles and phenomenon associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. It will also introduce the methods, research and theory of psychology and their applications in the real world. The course is taught at the collegiate level and student study habits should reflect this fact.

<u>SOCIOLOGY</u> (OLE) – C170	11, 12	.5 credit
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Sociology is the study of people in their relationship with others. The course focuses on four main units: Socialization, which is the study of how we become what we are; Institutions, which is the examination of the influences that family, religion, education, politics and the economy and have upon us; Social Stratification, which is an analysis of our social class and attitudes; and Social Change, which looks at planned and unplanned social changes.

<u>UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT</u> (OLE) – C180	REQUIRED CLASS	11	.5 credit
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U.S. Government fulfills the government graduation requirement. It focuses on how governmental decisions are made, who makes them, what forces and factors influence them, and what some of the causes and effects of such decisions can be. The course covers a description and analysis of the American political system as it relates to contemporary issues and problems. Emphasis is placed on the individual responsibility of every citizen to determine the quality of our government on the federal, state and local levels.

<u>AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS</u> (OLE) – C193	11, 12	.5 credit
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PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendation Advised

Advanced Placement U.S. Government is designed for the college-bound junior and fulfills the government graduation requirement. The course will be taught at a level similar to that of an introductory college political science course. Students will be required to do intensive reading, writing, research and critical thinking about political issues and information. An objective of the course is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination, administered in May of each year. Actual performance on the A.P. exam will determine whether college credit will be earned. College Board has approved the syllabus as either a ½ credit course or a full year course.

AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS – C194

11, 12

.5 credit

PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendation Advised

Advanced Placement Comparative Government defines compares and contrasts the three major political structures in the world today: The Western democracies, Communist nations, and the Third World. Britain, France, the former Soviet Union, China, Nigeria, India and Mexico are the seven target countries studied. The course will be taught using a college format and the student will be required to do extensive critical and analytical reading and writing. The course will prepare the student for the Advanced Placement Examination in May. This class does **not** fulfill the United States government requirement for graduation.

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY (OLE) – C201

11, 12

1.0 credit

PREREQUISITE: None, but Teacher Recommendation Advised

Advanced Placement European History is for the mature and motivated college-bound student who desires a college-level learning experience. This course examines the political, social, economic, cultural, intellectual, and military aspects of Europe from 1450 to the present. Extensive reading and writing are major components of this class. Students have the option of taking the Advanced Placement Examination given in May of each year. Actual performance on the exam will determine whether college credit will be earned.