

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Social Studies Department offers both elective and required classes for you to take. You will need 3.0 credits in Social Studies to meet your graduation requirement.

REQUIRED:

Sophomores: Global Studies

Juniors: United States History 1/2

Seniors: Contemporary World Issues and Contemporary American Issues

For those making up credits as a result of a failing grade or transfer from another school, you may take one or more of the courses out of sequence.

ELECTIVES:

The Social Studies Department offers the following electives: Sociology, Psychology, AP Psychology, AP European History, Student Leadership, Military History, Medieval and Ancient World History.

The Social Studies Department offers Honors/AP classes in US History, Psychology, Contemporary American/World Issues and European History.

SOC 118 Ancient World History 1

Grade:	10,11,12
Length:	1 semester
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5 per semester
Prerequisite:	none

This elective course covers the earliest development of western civilization with an emphasis on the Greek and Roman Civilizations. An examination of the impact of major religions is made. The lifestyles and contributions of other cultures to western civilization are evaluated. The course ends with the collapse of the Western Roman Empire and the dawn of the medieval period. This course is recommended for those students planning to attend college.

SOC 119 Medieval World History 2

Grade:	10,11,12
Length:	1 semester
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5
Prerequisite:	none

This elective course is a continuation of Ancient World History. The semester is devoted to the study of Medieval European Civilization. An examination of the impacts of

Islamic, Byzantine and Asian civilizations is made. The course ends with the Renaissance and the dawn of the Modern Era. This course is recommended for those students planning to attend college.

SOC 221 Global Studies 1-2

Grade:	10
Length:	1 year
Block of time:	1 period
Credits:	.5 per semester
Prerequisites:	None

This required course encompasses World History from Renaissance to present day. It covers not only world history, but world cultures and geography, including major religions, types of government, and economics. The purpose of the class is to help students understand globalization and our world today through investigation and reflection of world events and changes in modern world history, as well as prepare them for living in a complex and diverse world.

SOC 224 Military History/Nature of Conflict 1

Grade:	10, 11, 12
Length:	1 semester
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5
Prerequisite	None

This elective course focuses on the impact of conflict in both peace and war on society, politics, and foreign relations, beginning with the Spartans and continuing into the modern era. The study of military history has largely centered on battle and the conduct of war. While this course will look in detail at these subjects, it will also look at military history in its broad political, economic, social, and institutional terms. The specific language of the class will include the nine principles of warfare currently being taught at West Point as well as the role of dissent, art, music and combat. This should be a challenging, fun class for all those interested in Military History.

SOC 225 Military History/Nature of Conflict 2

Grade:	10, 11, 12
Length:	1 semester
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5
Prerequisite	None

This elective course is a continuation of Military History 1, beginning with the Franco Prussian War and continuing into the modern era. This course will look in detail at military history in its broad political, economic, social, and institutional terms. The specific language of the class will include the nine principles of warfare currently being taught at West Point as well as the role of dissent, art, music and combat. This should be a challenging fun class for all those interested in Military History.

SOC 290/291 Student Leadership

Grade:	11, 12
Length	1 year
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5 per semester *(.5 Occupational credit one time only)
Prerequisite:	Application selected process.

Are you the kind of student who wants to be involved in leading LSHS to be the best high school in the state? Do you like to create and organize activities to help improve LSHS? Are you able to lead as well as follow? Are you a self-starter? Would you like to learn how to become a leader and a well-informed and dependable supporter of activities? If the answer is yes to any of the above, then consider applying for leadership. Applications and interviews required and conducted during January of the previous year.

SOC 311/312 U.S. History 1-2

Grade:	11,12
Length:	1 year
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5
Prerequisite:	None

This required course encompasses the period from the age of discovery to the present day. It covers the social, political, industrial and military developments that have caused the United States to emerge as a world power. The development of our democratic institutions is divided into four basic units: (1) discovery through the revolution and establishment of our government system; (2)War of 1812 through pre-Civil War period (3)The Civil War and reconstruction through 1900 (4)20th century to present day.

SOC 313/314 ENG313/314 American Studies

Grade:	11,12
Length:	1 year
Block of Time:	2 periods
Credits:	2
Prerequisites:	Students cannot have already taken American Literature

or U.S.

History.

This academically demanding, two credit, year long course offers a combines study of U.S. History and American Literature. By combining historical and literacy investigation, students analyze social, political, cultural, and economical development of the American Character. Students will analyze the major aspects of American character and values from the colonial period to the twenty-first century focusing on those characteristics that define us as “American”. **It is the expectation that students remain in the class for the entire year.** Successful completion of this course will fulfill one history credit and one English credit.

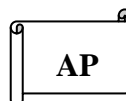
SOC 331/332 Psychology 1-2

Grade:	11,12
Length:	1 year. May take only 1 semester if you choose, but that must be 1 st semester.
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5 per semester
Prerequisite:	None.

This elective course deals with the science of human behavior. Included for study are units in personality, sensation and perception, the brain, altered states, abnormal behavior, mental disorders, etc. The ability to read comprehensive materials with understanding is necessary. At the end of the year the culminating project will be to design, carry out and write up an experiment. This will be done in small groups.

SOC 333/334 AP Psychology 1-2

Grade:	11,12
Length:	1 year
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5 per semester.
Prerequisite:	None



This elective AP course is designed to be the equivalent of the general psychology course usually taken during the first year of college. AP Psychology is, also, designed to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination in Psychology. Successful completion of this test will make students eligible for academic credit from many colleges and universities.

Since this is an advanced placement class is will demand a lot from its students. We will cover all the topics covered in regular Psychology 1 and 2, and many more. The ability to read comprehensive materials with understanding is important. Along with this you will be expected to take notes, participate in class discussions and projects, and complete assigned homework. Students should expect a substantial amount of work, but that effort

will lead to potential college credit and a positive self-image created by the successful completion of this course.

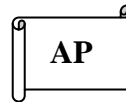
SOC 341 Sociology

Grade: 11,12
Length: 1 semester
Block of Time: 1 period
Credits: .5
Prerequisite: None

This elective course provides an introduction to the social world and understanding of the social environment that enables individuals to see the relationship between events in their personal lives and events in their society. It includes topics such as culture, deviance and crime, social stratification, race and ethnicity, gender, the aging of American, religion and cults, and sports in our society. This class will help prepare students for the interaction with a variety of groups for the remainder of their lives.

SOC 358/359 Advanced Placement European History 1-2

Grade: 10,11,12
Length: 1 year
Block of Time: 1 period
Credit: .5 per semester
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; interest in an academically challenging course



This course surveys European History from c. 1500 to the present. It is intended to prepare students for the yearly AP examination in European History. Students who successfully complete this examination are eligible for academic credit from many colleges and universities.

This class demands a great deal from students, in part because its subject matter is often somewhat unfamiliar to American students and in part because it is intended to be the equivalent of a collegiate history course. Students should expect assignments that require both careful thinking and a substantial amount of homework. **If successfully completed this course replaces the required 10th grade Global Studies.**

SOC 383/384 Advanced Placement U.S. History 1-2

Grade: 11
Length: 1 year
Block of Time: 1 period
Credits: .5 per semester
Prerequisite: Junior standing; interest in an academically challenging course



This course is intended to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination in American History, which is given in May each year. Students who successfully complete this exam are eligible for academic credit from many colleges and universities. Because Advanced Placement United States History is intended to be the equivalent of a collegiate history class, it demands a great deal from students. Students should expect assignments that require both careful thinking and a substantial amount of homework.

SOC 463 Contemporary World Issues

Grade:	12
Length:	1 semester
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5
Prerequisite:	None



This required course for seniors studies critical issues confronting our global society today. A part of the class time is devoted to discussing current events in the news. The purpose of the course is to assist the students in readying themselves for an adult life of political and social decision making.

SOC 464 Contemporary American Issues

Grade:	12
Length:	1 semester
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5
Prerequisite:	None

This required course for seniors examines critical issues confronting our American society today. A portion of the class time is devoted to discussing current events in the news. Independent research on chosen topics is also required for each class member. The purpose of the course is to prepare the student to be a contributing member of our society able to participate in our country's political, social and economic decisions.

SOC 483/484 Honors American / Honors World Issues

Grade:	12
Length:	1 semester each
Block of Time:	1 period
Credits:	.5
Prerequisite:	A grade of A in U.S. History, AP U.S. History or instructor's signed permission.

This elective college prep course for seniors will examine social, political and economic problems of today. The class is designed to prepare the college bound student to deal with Social Studies requirements. This course of study will require extensive writing and research as well as verbal skills in contemporary issues. Emphasis will be in the higher level thinking skills.