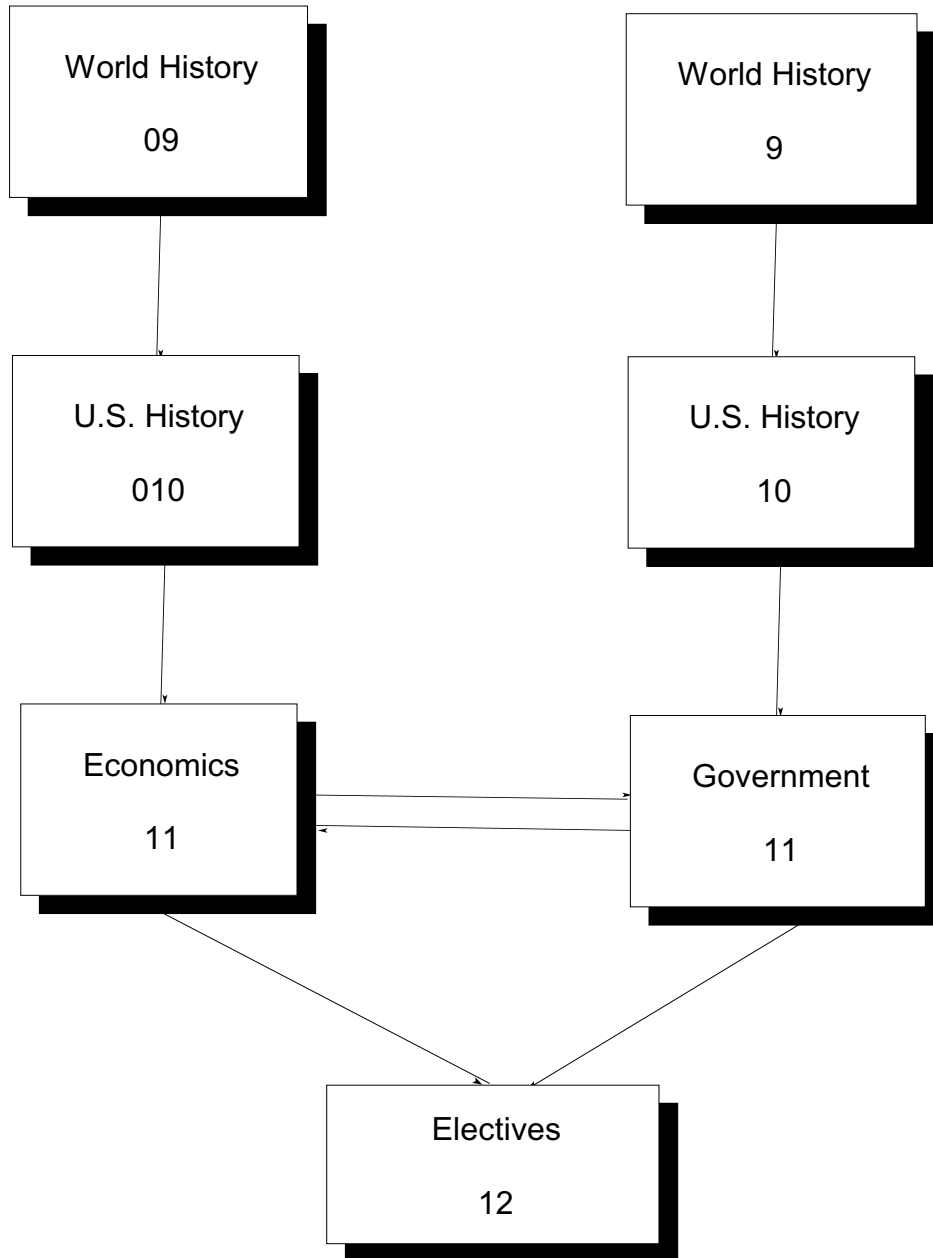
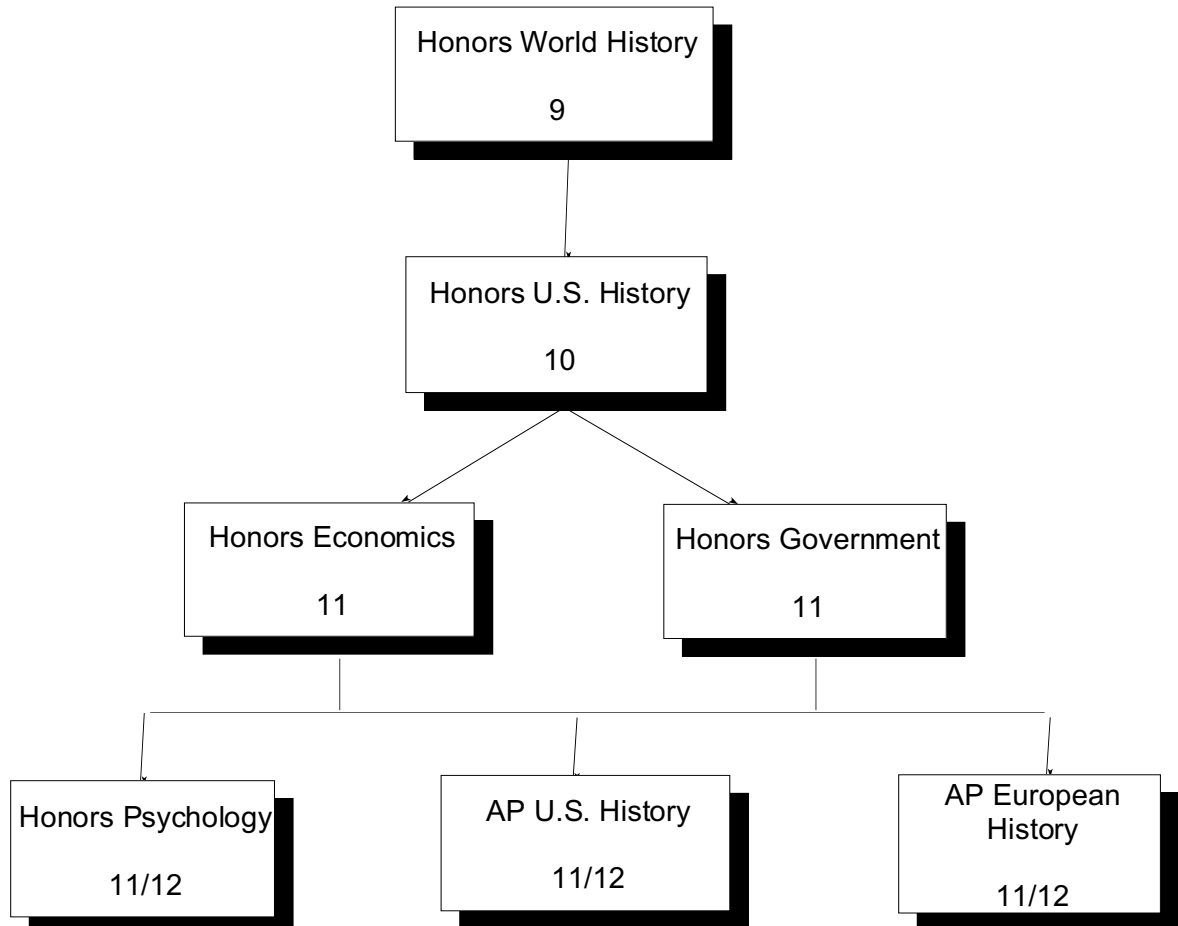


SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT



SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT HONORS PROGRAM



**Social Studies Courses
Honors Program Criteria:**

1. Most current Reading and English Explore scores indicating advanced proficiency.
2. Demonstrated high levels of classroom performance.
3. Maintain a minimum academic standard of C average. Students who do not maintain the standard will have their status reviewed by the Principal/designee at the end of each semester.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies education has a specific mandate in regard to citizenship education. This mandate provides every student with the opportunity to learn and develop the skills that are needed for participation in American social, political, and economic life. As the world becomes more interdependent, that mandate extends to the global community and a need for students to adapt to an ever changing environment in regards to American beliefs and values.

212900 WORLD HISTORY 09

Prerequisite:	None	Grade Level:	9
Length:	Year	Credit:	2

This course explores the historical background of those forces that have led our world to the way it is today. It will trace the historical development of the world from pre-Renaissance times up to modern historical times, including, but not limited to, the fall of communism. It will emphasize geographic, political, economic, and social forces in accordance with Illinois state guidelines. Transitional World History will focus on basic study skills such as reading comprehension, note taking, and organizational skills.

213000 WORLD HISTORY 9

Prerequisite:	None	Grade Level:	9
Length:	Year	Credit:	2

The course explores the historical background of those forces that have shaped our world today. It will trace the historical development of the world from pre-Renaissance times up to modern historical times, including, but not limited to, the fall of communism. It will emphasize geographic, political, economic, and social forces in accordance with Illinois state guidelines.

214000 HONORS WORLD HISTORY

Prerequisite:	Recommended Students Only	Grade Level:	9
Length:	Year	Credit:	2

Honors World History will examine the historical elements and forces that have shaped our world today. It will trace human development from its beginning to contemporary times. This course will stress political, economic, and social forces. The use of primary documents and sources will be emphasized to prepare students for continued education and the global community in the twenty-first century.

229000 U.S. HISTORY 010

Prerequisite:	None	Grade Level:	10
Length:	Year	Credit:	2

U.S. History 010 fulfills District 215's requirement for students to complete a comprehensive course in American History. It is particularly designed for remedial reading students. The course includes: the settlement of the original thirteen colonies; the American Revolution and the formation of the Republic; the nation's division over slavery and the resulting Civil War; the expansion of the United States; and the social, economic, and political problems the United States faced in the twentieth century.

223000 U.S. HISTORY 10

Prerequisite:	None	Grade Level:	10
Length:	Year	Credit:	2

As a nation we have inherited wisdom from the past, and we have also inherited problems from the past. In order to solve regional or national problems, American citizens need to know something of

Prerequisite: Honors Government, Honors U.S. History, Grade Level: 11, 12
and Teacher recommendation
Length: Year Credit: 2

The main purpose of this course is to prepare students for the National Advanced Placement exam given each spring. This writing and reading intensive course is for those students interested in earning college credit. Topics range from the impact of the Puritans to present day issues. The study of primary documents and other historical writings is emphasized.

251200 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Prerequisite: None Grade Level: 11, 12
Length: Semester Credit: 1

This course will take the student on an exploration of the individual—from birth through death. In this semester course, the students will learn what shapes and forms the individual within a group based on culture, social class and the development of personality. We hope the student will develop a deeper understanding of an individual's role within a group by experiencing his/her mobility through life and its many outcomes.

231200 SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Prerequisite: None Grade Level: 11,12
Length: Semester Credit: 1

Students will acquire a deeper understanding of the many issues facing our society. They will learn to dissect problems that we are yet unable to solve. In so doing, they will learn more about their role in the group dynamics of a complex, ever changing society.

255000 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

Prerequisite: None Grade Level: 11, 12
Length: Semester Credit: 1

Introduction to Psychology is a general course of study whereby a student comes to understand their own behavior and the behavior of others. Some of the areas included are: the principles of scientific investigation, the principles of learning, the physiology of the nervous system, personality development, and coping with stress. Topics of current interest in psychology are also presented for discussion. The intent is to give students the practical means with which to understand and utilize the material in their own lives.

255300 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Prerequisite: None Grade Level: 11,12
Length: Semester Credit: 1

Social Psychology is the study of individual human behavior as it develops through interpersonal experiences. Some of the areas covered are developmental psychology, interpersonal relationships, motivation and emotion, altered states of consciousness, and forming attitudes and values. Topics of current interest in psychology are also presented for discussion and study. Students should find information worthwhile in selecting areas for their own development, career selection, and social interchange.

255100

HONORS PSYCHOLOGY

Prerequisite: Recommended
Length: Year

Grade Level: 11, 12
Credit: 2

Honors Psychology is an in-depth study of all human behavior. Using the most recent research available, the course content will include the ways that psychologists attempt to describe, explain, measure, predict, and control behavior. Some of its topics include: the study of personality, abnormal psychology, child development, and dealing with stress. While the course offers much personal and practical information, it is also intended to prepare the student for college. Students may elect to take the Advanced Placement Test in Psychology. The College Board does require a fee for this service.