

Social Studies Department

Minimum graduation requirement: 30 credits

MODERN CIVILIZATION A/B Grade 10 10 credits

A two-semester course required for graduation. Students begin with a review of democratic principles from the Greeks, Romans, Judeo-Christians, and Enlightenment thinkers. With this foundation, students will survey world history from the French Revolution to the present. Class activities include lectures, discussions, and the use of audiovisual instructional materials. Homework is required. (CSF-I)

EUROPEAN HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT A/B Grades 10-12 10 credits

Prerequisite: Application and approval of instructor.

A survey course in European History designed to prepare the student for the Advanced Placement Examination. Highly competitive and college-bound students are encouraged to enroll. Summer reading will be assigned. (CSF-I)

UNITED STATES HISTORY Grade 11 10 credits

A two-semester course in United States history required for graduation. Students will study the political and diplomatic events and the economic and social forces that have shaped the nation's development in the 20th century. Emphasis will be placed on the development of essential social studies skills. Homework is required. (CSF I)

UNITED STATES HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT A/B Grade 11 10 credits

Prerequisite: Timely application and teacher approval.

A survey course in United States history designed to prepare the student for the Advanced Placement Examination. Strong reading and writing skills and good study habits are essential in order for students to be successful. Summer work is assigned. (CSF-I)

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT Grade 12 5 credits

A one semester course required for graduation and emphasizing the major branches of the federal government, political parties, interest groups, elections, voting, civil liberties and civil rights. Homework is required. (CSF-I)

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT - ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Prerequisite: Application and teacher approval.

Designed to prepare the student for the AP exam in American Government and Politics. Strong reading and writing skills and advanced study habits are essential in order for students to be successful. Offered fall semester only. (CSF-I)

ECONOMICS

Grade 12

5 credits

A one-semester survey course designed to enable the student to gain a broader understanding of micro and macro economic theories such as supply and demand; business organizations, and fiscal and monetary policies as they pertain to the American free enterprise system. Homework and nightly reading is required. (CSF-I)

ECONOMICS HONORS

Prerequisite: Application, completion of AP American Government with grade of C+ or American Government with a grade of B. Permission of the instructor required.

Recommended for the highly competitive, college-bound student. Student should have had previous success in A.P. or honors level courses. Offered in the spring semester only. (CSF-I)

Social Studies Electives

STREET LAW

Grades 11-12

5/10 credits

Prerequisite: Completion of Modern Civilization with a “C” grade or better.

Street Law is a one to two semester survey course that addresses numerous practical aspects of the American legal system that affect our everyday lives. Students will study the origins of the legal system, discuss substantive criminal and civil laws and their defenses, and explore the criminal justice process. In addition, students will learn about the legal rights, responsibilities, and remedies concerning consumer issues, families, contracts, housing, landlord-tenant, constitutional protections, employment problems, and various types of discrimination that affect ordinary citizens. A term project or paper and other writing assignments may be assigned by the teacher. Highly motivated students interested in a legal career, law enforcement or other related careers are encouraged to enroll in their elective course. (CSF III)

PSYCHOLOGY ADVANCED PLACEMENT Grades 10-12 10 credits

Prerequisite: Application and permission of the instructor required.

This year-long course parallels introductory psychology at the college/university level. An intensive study of the history, theorists, theories, and concepts related to the field will take place in the form of lecture, discussion, experimentation and research. Highly motivated students with the intention of preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination are invited to enroll. Summer reading and assignments may be assigned. (CSF-III)

STUDENT GOVERNMENT Grades 9-12 5/40 credits

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor and placement by counselor.

A year long course for all elected officers and appointed commissioners. This class is open to the entire student body; anyone who wants to serve Hart’s Student Body should apply. Elections are held in April and May, that is when Commissioner positions are filled. Freshmen are appointed after an interview process in June. Each week students will conduct a parliamentary meeting approving the school’s expenditures, clubs, fund- raisers and all activities. Leadership skills are taught weekly and then applied through the student council. During the semester, strong organizational skills and the ability to work in group like situations are developed. The class meets daily during 3rd period. There are many out-of-class philanthropic, community service oriented and fund-raising activities for student involvement. Those students who are truly committed to making the school year a memorable one should be enrolled. (CSF-III)