

## SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

### WORLD HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY

Full Year/Required  
10

This course is designed to provide an in-depth survey of the intercontinental world-wide relationships of issues, events, people, ethnic groups, places, natural resources and government formations which have affected the development of the world's nations and cultures. This year long survey course reviews ancient history, world religions, and geographical concepts, along with the development of eastern and western cultures. This course links concepts of previous world history classes, presents information from the Middle Ages and Modern History, links the founding principles of democracy, and presents the impact of current world events on the global community. With this presentation of historical context, students will develop a sense of how history has affected our society. The curriculum covered in World History/Geography is in compliance with the Nevada State Standards and the Carson City School District Curriculum Map.

### WORLD HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY (HONORS)

Full Year  
10

This course is designed to provide an in-depth survey of the intercontinental world-wide relationships of issues, events, people, ethnic groups, places, natural resources and legislation which have affected the development of the world's nations and cultures. The conceptual review of the chronological historical developments beginning with the growth of nations, Renaissance and Reformation periods, age of discovery and absolutism, and their relationships to the present will link the concepts of previous world history classes with the events of the present. There will be an emphasis on challenging students to strive for excellence. Success in this honors course requires strong writing skills, superior reading comprehension, and high level analytical skills. Much emphasis will be placed on the research component of the course where the students will learn to utilize methods of research, individual report writing, projects, and presentations. Prerequisite: 3.25 GPA and A's and B's in English I and II. **Credit in this course applies toward the Honors Diploma.** The curriculum covered in World History/Geography (Honors) is in compliance with the Nevada State Standards and the Carson City School District Curriculum Map.

### U.S. HISTORY

Full Year/Required  
11

The United States History course is designed to provide a survey of the historical relationship or issues, events, people, ethnic groups, places, inventions, natural resources, and government to the development of our nation. This year long course reviews the chronology of historical events and their relationships beginning with a review of the formation of the United States, the philosophy of the Revolutionary Period, and the settlement of the West, leading into the study of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era. The course continues through the 1800's, 1900's, and 2000's focusing on people, places, and events who influence or influenced the development of the United States. The curriculum covered in U.S. History is in compliance with the Nevada State Standards and the Carson City School District Curriculum Map.

### \*U.S. HISTORY, AP

Full Year  
11

\*May be taken in place  
of U.S. History.

The primary goal of this course is to allow college bound juniors an opportunity to study U.S. History in an in-depth, critical approach. This course allows students to exercise critical thinking skills, writing skills, and analytical skills in studying the emergence of the United States as a new nation to a world power. An in-depth survey of the historical relationship of issues, events, people, ethnic groups, places, inventions, natural resources and legislation to the development of the United States will occur, as well as a preparation for success on the AP exam. An Advanced Placement Contract **must** be signed in order to take the class. Students will be **required** to complete a summer assignment. Students **must** take the Advanced Placement Exam in May. The Advanced Placement Exam fee is approximately \$90, which is non-refundable and **must** be paid by the end of the first quarter. Prerequisite: Students must have two of the following: 3.25 GPA, A's and B's in previous social studies classes, PSAT score of 55 (average of Critical Reading and Writing). **Students may gain college credit by passing the Advanced Placement Examination. Credit in this course applies toward the Honors Diploma. Lab/Exam Fee: Approximately \$90.** The curriculum covered in U.S. History, AP is in compliance with the Nevada State Standards and the Carson City School District Curriculum Map.

### AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Full Year/Required  
12

The primary aim of this course is to prepare students to take their places as active full-fledged and responsible citizens who recognize the various levels of government process, authority and the value of liberties provided by the constitution. The course provides a structured inquiry into the functions and processes of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the federal, state and local governments. In addition, it seeks to aid the students to internalize the historical and current political, social, legal and economic influences that affect their lives. These principles should awaken the need to understand the rights, duties and responsibilities of our people. The curriculum covered in American Government is in compliance with the Nevada State Standards and the Carson City School District Curriculum Map.

**\*GOVERNMENT, AP**

Full Year  
12

\*May be taken in  
place of American  
Government.

This course is designed to give college-bound seniors a critical perspective on politics and government in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret American politics and the analysis of specific case studies. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that make up the American political reality. This is a college-level course for U.S. Government credit. An Advanced Placement Contract **must** be signed in order to take the class. Students will be **required** to complete a summer assignment. Students **must** take the Advanced Placement Exam in May. The Advanced Placement Exam fee is approximately \$90, which is non-refundable and **must** be paid by the end of the first quarter. Prerequisite: Students must have two of the following: 3.25 GPA, A's and B's in previous social studies classes, PSAT score of 55 (average of Critical Reading and Writing). **Students may gain college credit by passing the Advanced Placement Examination. Credit in this course applies toward the Honors Diploma. Lab/Exam Fee: Approximately \$90.** The curriculum covered in American Government, AP is in compliance with the Nevada State Standards and the Carson City School District Curriculum Map.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Semester/Full Year  
11 12

Psychology helps people understand themselves, other people and the society they live in. For the individual, psychology provides insight into the forces that make people unique with increased understanding of themselves; people can learn to live life to the fullest. By understanding others they improve interpersonal relations. Knowledge of their culture gives peoples a chance to work within the society to find a maximum degree of self-fulfillment. This course is interdisciplinary in nature, will encourage student participation and inquiry, will explore ideas and issues and will seek to develop the students' affective as well as intellectual skills. **This course will fulfill the humanities/CTE graduation requirement.**

**PSYCHOLOGY, AP**

Full Year  
12

The purpose of the Advanced Placement course in psychology is to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. Students also learn about the methods psychologists' use in their science and practice. Prerequisite for the course is one year of psychology or sociology with a B or better or teacher recommendation. An Advanced Placement Contract **must** be signed in order to take the class. Students will be **required** to complete a summer assignment. Students **must** take the Advanced Placement Exam in May. The Advanced Placement Exam fee is approximately \$90, which is non-refundable and **must** be paid by the end of the first quarter. **This course will fulfill the humanities/CTE graduation requirement. Students may gain college credit by passing the Advanced Placement Examination. Credit in this course applies toward the Honors Diploma. Lab/Exam Fee: Approximately \$90.**

**SOCIOLOGY**

Semester/Full Year  
10 11 12

This social science course gives attention to the study of the development of humans and their life in groups. The course analyzes human behavior in small groups, the rules and values of people, communication, and cultural interactions. From there the course will survey social institutions, social problems and social interaction. This course is interdisciplinary in nature, will encourage student participation and inquiry, will explore ideas and issues and will seek to develop the students' affective as well as intellectual skills. **This course will fulfill the humanities/CTE graduation requirement.**