

Social Studies Pathway

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

KISD #: 0231

Grades: 9-10 **1 Credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

World Geography is the study of the world's peoples, places, and environments, with a focus on world regions. Particular emphasis is placed on students' understanding and applying geographic concepts and skills to their daily lives.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY LIMITED ENGLISH SHELTERED

KISD #: 0231ESL

Grades: 9-10 **1 Credit**

Prerequisite: **Counselor Approval**

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WORLD GEOGRAPHY PRE-AP

KISD #: 0233PA

Grades: 9-10 **1 Credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

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Advanced Grade Points: Yes

WORLD GEOGRAPHY PRE-AP/GT

KISD #: 0237PA

Grades: 9-10 **1 Credit**

Prerequisite: **Meets district guidelines**

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Advanced Grade Points: Yes

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0238

Grades: 9-12 **1 Credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

AP Human Geography introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the tools and methods that geographers use in their science and practice. Students who enroll in this course are strongly encouraged to take the Advanced Placement Exam in Human Geography.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

WORLD HISTORY

KISD #: 0221

Grades: 9-10 **1 Credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

World History is the study of the historical development of people, places, and patterns of life from ancient times to the present. Students will use skills of historical and geographical analysis to explore the early history of the world.

WORLD HISTORY LIMITED ENGLISH SHELTERED

KISD #: 0221ESL

Grades: 9-10 1 Credit

Prerequisite: Counselor Approval

World History is the study of the historical development of people, places, and patterns of life from ancient times to the present. Students will use skills of historical and geographical analysis to explore the early history of the world. ESL instructional techniques are used to help students master the essential concepts of the course.

WORLD HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0224

Grades: 9-10 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

As an Advanced Placement course, this full-year introductory college course, is designed to provide students instruction beyond a general understanding of world history. They use analytic skills and write extensively on the major themes of history from the foundations of civilization to the present day. Students will investigate the content to make connections among historical developments in different times and places encompassing the five major geographical regions. Students enrolled in this course are strongly encouraged to take the College Board Advanced Placement Exam in World History.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

US HISTORY

KISD #: 0211

Grades: 10-12 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

United States History Since 1877 is the study of the historical development of American ideas and institutions from the Age of Exploration to the present. Students will learn fundamental concepts in civics, economics, and geography and obtain a basic knowledge of American culture through a chronological survey of major issues, movements, people, and events in United States.

This course requires an EOC exam.

US HISTORY LIMITED ENGLISH SHELTERED

KISD #: 0211ESL

Grades: 10-12 1 Credit

Prerequisite: Counselor Approval

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US HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0215

Grades: 10-12 1 Credit

Prerequisite: Meets district guidelines

As an Advanced Placement course, this full-year introductory college course is designed to have students study the historical development of American ideas and institutions from approximately 1491 to the present. AP students will learn how to assess historical materials and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. Students will write extensively to perfect their essay writing and critical thinking skills. **All students take the EOC test** and are encouraged to take the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

US HISTORY DUAL CREDIT

KISD #: 0221DC

Grades: 9-10 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

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knowledge of American culture through a chronological survey of major issues, movements, people, and events in United States. **This course requires an EOC exam.**

IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS

KISD #: 3410, 3412

Grades: 11 and 12 1 Credit

Prerequisite: World Geography and World History

The International Baccalaureate History of the Americas is a two-year course of study that provides students with an intensive analysis of the political, economic, social, intellectual, diplomatic, and cultural development of early American history, as well as a transition into the 20th century topics. The course emphasizes a variety of themes and approaches to history and encourages the ability to read advanced-level historical work analytically and evaluate historical evidence and interpretations in arriving at conclusions.

***This course replaces the U.S. History requirement for graduation.**

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

GOVERNMENT

KISD #: 0241

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: U.S. History

United States Government will provide students with knowledge of the American government system that will enable them to participate effectively in civic life in America. Students will examine fundamental constitutional principles; the organization of government at the federal, state, and local level; the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; the policy-making process; political parties and elections; comparative government and foreign policy; and the American economic system.

GOVERNMENT LIMITED ENGLISH SHELTERED

KISD #: 0241ESL

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: Counselor Approval

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GOVERNMENT ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0245

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: Meet district guidelines

As an Advanced Placement course, this half-year introductory college course is designed to provide focus on the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute United States politics. Students will gain an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States both by studying the general concepts used to interpret U. S. politics and by analyzing specific examples. Students will learn how to analyze and interpret basic data relevant to U. S. government and politics and will write extensively to perfect their essay writing and critical thinking skills. All students are encouraged to take the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

GOVERNMENT DUAL CREDIT

KISD #: 0241DC

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: Meet dual credit guidelines

Origin and development of the US Constitution, structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, federalism, political participation, the national election process, public policy, civil liberties and civil rights.

ECONOMICS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND ITS BENEFITS

KISD #: 0251

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: U.S. History

Economics is a semester course that deals with the way that individuals and societies, particularly the United States, have chosen to use scarce resources for the production of alternative goods and how these resources are distributed among the various peoples and groups in society. The course emphasizes the economic principles upon which the free enterprise system is based.

ECONOMICS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND ITS BENEFITS LIMITED ENGLISH SHELTERED

KISD #: 0251ESL

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: U.S. History

Economics is a semester course that deals with the way that individuals and societies, particularly the United States, have chosen to use scarce resources for the production of alternative goods and how these resources are distributed among the various peoples and groups in society. The course emphasizes the economic principles upon which the free enterprise system is based. ESL instructional techniques are used to help students master the essential concepts of the course.

ECONOMICS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND ITS BENEFITS – MICRO ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0255

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: U.S. History

As an Advanced Placement, elective course, this half-year introductory college course is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the economic system. It places emphasis on the nature and functions of product markets and includes the role of government in the economy. All students are encouraged to take the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

ECONOMICS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND ITS BENEFITS – MACRO ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0256

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: U.S. History

As an Advanced Placement, elective course, this half-year introductory college course is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the economic system as a whole. The course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price-level determination, and also develops students' familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. All students are encouraged to take the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

ECONOMICS DUAL CREDIT

KISD #: 0251DC

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: U.S. History

A study of macroeconomic principles. Analysis of the market economy; national income accounting; income determination; stabilization policies; monetary and fiscal policies; money and banking; demand and supply-side economics; monetarist vs. Keynesian view; inflation theories such as distinction between demand pull and cost push theories, Phillips curve analysis; labor market and determination of unemployment rate.

PSYCHOLOGY

KISD #: 0260

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: None

Psychology is an elective course where students learn about principles of learning, types of personalities, understanding human behavior, patterns of behavior, emotional and behavioral adjustments, group influences, and social psychology.

PSYCHOLOGY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0262

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: None

As an Advanced Placement, elective course, this half-year introductory college course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and animals. Students are exposed to psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields of psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice and write extensively to perfect their essay writing and critical thinking skills. All students are encouraged to take the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

PSYCHOLOGY DUAL CREDIT

KISD #: 0260DC

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: None

In Psychology, an elective course, students study the science of behavior and mental processes. Students examine the full scope of the science of psychology such as the historical framework, methodologies, human development, motivation, emotion, sensation, perception, personality development, cognition, learning, intelligence, biological foundations, mental health, and social psychology.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

SOCIOLOGY

KISD #: 0261

Grades: 11-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: None

Sociology is an elective course where students study social behavior and organization of human society. This course will describe the development of the field as a social science by identifying methods and strategies of research leading to an understanding of how the individual relates to society and the ever changing world, the role of culture and social groups.

EUROPEAN HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

KISD #: 0226

Grades: 11-12 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

As an Advanced Placement course, this full-year introductory college course focuses on developing students' understanding of European history from approximately 1450 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of European history for significant events, individuals, development and processes in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places. All students are encouraged to take the College Board Advanced Placement Examination.

Advanced Grade Points: Yes

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

KISD #:

Grades: 9-12 .5 Credit

Prerequisite: None

Personal Financial Literacy is an elective, one-semester course that provides students with the knowledge and skills to make informed financial decisions and understand personal financial responsibility. This is an interactive course that includes topics such as credit card debt, renting and buying a home, starting a small business, investment options, banking, insurance and methods for paying for college.