American Justice

SOC1

Grade: 11, 12  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Modern American History or AP U.S. History

Course Content: American Justice is open to juniors and seniors. This course uses a practical, problem-solving approach to law related education. The curriculum utilizes case studies, role-playing, small and large group exercises, and extensive community experiences and resources. The students will participate in mock trials as practical application of the learning experience.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, a mock trial, a moot court, small group work and individual as well as group projects.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.

Anthropology

SOC2

Grade: 10, 11, 12  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Civics and Geography or AP U.S. History

***This course is also a Global Scholars Course***

Course Content: This 9 week term class will be an introduction to the study of anthropology, the science of all humans, their origins, and cultural diversity. Topics include: the branches of anthropology, human diversity and adaptation, culture, archaeology and garbology, evolution, primatology, early hominids, and the origin of modern specie.

Activities: Group and individual projects, class discussion, KHS Culture Video, Primatology Lab at Milwaukee County Zoo and Garbology

Supplies: 3-ring binder, notebook, writing utensils

AP European History

SOC3

Grade: 10, 11, 12  Laude Point: 2  Cost: Class Fee – Exam Fee

Prerequisite: Civics and Geography or AP U.S. History

***This course is also a Global Scholars Course***

Course Content: AP European History is a college level survey course that covers the time period from approximately 1450 until the present. The course will cover economic, social, cultural, intellectual, political, and diplomatic themes in European History. Students will be expected to develop analytical thinking and persuasive writing skills in dealing with historical evidence and interpretation.

Activities: Class discussion, debate, group and individual work, collegiate level reading and analytical writing

Supplies: 3” binder, 3 subject notebook, USB flash drive
### AP Human Geography

**Index:** Global Scholars Course

| Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12 | **Laude Point:** 2 | **Cost:** Class Fee – Exam Fee |

**Course Content:** AP Human Geography uses the geographic approach in eight units of study outlined by the College Board. They are: Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives; Population Geography; Cultural Patterns and Processes; Political Organization; Agriculture and Rural Land Use; Urbanization and Global Development; Industrialization; and Economic Geography. An emphasis on critical thinking, analysis, and problem solving are mainstays of the geographic approach.

**Activities:** Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

**Supplies:** Atlas and basic classroom supplies are needed.

### AP Macroeconomics

**Index:** Global Scholars Course

| Grade: 11, 12 | **Laude Point:** 2 | **Cost:** Class Fee – Exam Fee |

**Prerequisite:** Modern American History or AP U.S. History

**Course Content:** AP Macroeconomics, a junior and senior elective, is an introduction to basic economic principles with applications to current economic problems. Demand, supply and the role of prices in the U.S. economy are briefly surveyed followed by in-depth study of the national (or "macro") economy. Topics include unemployment, inflation and economic growth; theories of economic recession and prosperity; the role of money and banking in the economy; government taxing and spending policies to stabilize the economy; and the U.S. as part of the international economy. This course is especially appealing to those going on to a four year college or university.

It is recommended, but not necessary, that students interested in AP Macroeconomics take AP Microeconomics first.

**Supplies:** None
Social Studies

AP Microeconomics
Dual Business/Marketing and Social Studies Credit
1 Credit/Elective
Global Scholars Course

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BSM5

Grade: 11, 12  Laude Point: 2  Cost: Class Fee – Exam Fee

Prerequisite: Modern American History or AP U.S. History

***This course is also a Global Scholars Course***

Course Content: AP Microeconomics, a junior and senior elective, is the study of how individuals and societies decide how to use scarce resources in order to satisfy the unlimited wants. Concepts that are developed out of scarcity include: supply and demand relationships; the business cycle; social costs and social goods; values and characteristics of command and market systems; the role of fiscal and monetary policy in our present-day economy; and the impact of international trade on all countries. This course is especially appealing to those going on to a four-year college.

Supplies: None

AP Psychology
1 Credit/Social Studies

SOC5

Grade: 10, 11, 12  Laude Point: 2  Cost: Class Fee – Exam Fee

Prerequisite: Civics Geography or AP Human Geography

Course Content: AP Psychology will delve deeply into the world of mental processes and behaviors. In preparing for the AP test students will consider famous psychologists and their theories, and will develop understanding through analysis of psychological research. Students will complete their own studies as well as analyzing studies already completed. Free response writing including critical analyses will be a mainstay of the course.

In addition to receiving credit toward graduation, each student is encouraged to exercise the option of completing the Advanced Placement exam at the end of the second semester for possible college credit. The examination is prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service for the College Board for a fee, paid by student. Students earning a B or higher in AP Psychology will receive Advanced Standing (AS) at FVTC.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.

AP U.S. Government and Politics
1 Credit/Social Studies

SOC9

Grade: 10, 11, 12  Laude Point: 2  Cost: Class Fee – Exam Fee

Prerequisite: Civics Geography or AP Human Geography

Course Content: This advanced level course will is designed to provide students with college-level experience. The course will focus on providing students with a basic understanding on the documents that create the foundation for our political system, it will also focus on the political beliefs of American citizens, and it will look at the influence of political parties, interest groups and the mass media. In addition to this, it will also provide a review of the three branches of the federal government as well as a review of American civil rights and liberties.

In addition to receiving credit toward graduation, each student is encouraged to exercise the option of completing the Advanced Placement exam at the end of the second semester for possible college credit. The examination is prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service for the College Board for a fee, paid by student.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Flash drive and basic classroom supplies are needed.
Social Studies

Civics/Geography
1 Credit/Social Studies

Grade: 9  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: None

***This course is also a Global Scholars Course***

Course Content: Civics, part of the required 9th grade social studies course, is designed to help students achieve basic understanding of United States’ government at the national, state, and local levels and to help them gain an increased awareness of the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. Civics seeks to engage students' interest in the American political system and in their roles as individual citizens. Good government rests on the premise that citizens are able to master facts, identify illogical thinking and bias, reach conclusions based on solid evidence, and make informed decisions.

Geography, the second part of the 9th grade required social studies course, is designed to help students achieve a practical understanding of geography and relations between the United States and the rest of the world. The course includes in-depth analyses of the five themes of geography - location, place, human/environment interaction, movement and region. Students will be able to identify their roles in regional and world environment. Essential social studies skills including reading, analyzing, and interpreting (e.g. maps, charts, and graphs) will be stressed. Students will also learn to understand cause and effect of relationships using conflict and globalization as themes to predict and consider the consequences of actions.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.

Contemporary America
.5 Credit/Social Studies

Grade: 11, 12  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Modern American History or AP U.S. History

Course Content: This junior/senior course deals with the social, economic, and political history of the United States for the past 40 years. In this course, students will explore the recent historical link to some of our current social issues.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, position papers, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.
Exploring World Religions

Grade: 10, 11, 12  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Civics/Geography or AP Human Geography

***This course is a Global Scholars Course***

Course Content: Exploring World Religions is an elective offered to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. In this course, students will take a closer look at the five major world religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism). They will examine how principles and proponents of these religions relate to and respond to each other, and how they have impacted society and their followers throughout time.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion. Students will visit various religious establishments in the Fox Valley.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.

Modern American History

Grade: 10  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Civics/Geography or AP Human Geography

Course Content: Modern American History (required) continues the study of United States’ historical development that began with eighth grade American History. Modern American History fulfills the graduation requirement for American History. This course traces our nation’s development through such topics as: The Rise of the U.S. as a World Power; World War I; The Twenties; The Stock Market Crash and Great Depression; World War II; The Cold War; and America Today. An additional emphasis will be placed on recent events in the United States and the world. Students will learn to appreciate that significant events do not take place in a vacuum. Note: Students may take AP U.S. History in lieu of Modern American History

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.
Social Studies

AP U.S. History
2 Credits/Social Studies

**Grade:** 10, 11, 12  **Laude Point:** 4  **Cost:** Class Fee – Exam Fee

**Prerequisite:** Civics and Geography or AP Human Geography

**Course Content:** This advanced level course offers the student the opportunity to explore American history from exploration/colonization to the present while working to earn college credit(s) in American history. Students will develop key historical thinking skills and develop their writing skills as they examine key themes of history. Regular discussion and review of topics drawn from past AP history exams will offer progress checks and increase student awareness and confidence. Course enrollment has few formal limits, but students with strong writing skills and/or exceptional achievement in preliminary and related courses are most apt to succeed and excel.

**In addition** to receiving credit toward graduation, each student is encouraged to exercise the option of completing the Advanced Placement exam at the end of the second semester for possible college credit. The examination is prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service for the College Board for a fee, paid by student.

*Note: Students can take AP U.S. History or Modern American History to fulfill their U.S. History requirement.*

**Activities:** Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

**Supplies:** Basic classroom supplies are needed.

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Introduction to Psychology
1 Credit/Social Studies

**Grade:** 11, 12  **Laude Point:** 0  **Cost:** Class Fee – None

**Prerequisite:** Modern American History or AP U.S. History

**Course Content:** Introduction to Psychology is a general psychology course that focuses on the scientific study of human thoughts and behaviors. The course covers learning, motivation, emotions, personality, biological psychology, sensation and perception, developmental psychology, and social influences. Students consider the complexities of human relationships in personal, social and vocational settings.

**Activities:** Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

**Supplies:** Basic classroom supplies are needed.
Sociology-AS-FVTC

1 Credit/Social Studies

FVTC

Grade: 11, 12  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Modern American History or AP U.S. History

***This course is also a Global Scholars Course***

Course Content: Sociology, a junior/senior elective is designed to introduce students to the scientific study of human groups, the social environments they create, and the problems that often result from human activities. Following a brief introduction to the social science research process, students will explore the nature of culture and how it shapes modern society. Specifically, students will study conformity, groups and group relationships, the development of social class, and the problems of poverty and equal opportunity often related to group dynamics. The course will conclude with examination of race and gender in society. This course is articulated for advanced standing with Fox Valley Technical College. To be eligible for advanced standing, students must enroll in a technical college degree program and present appropriate documentation of completion of the high school course(s) meeting the conditions of the articulation agreement.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.

Wars of the 20th Century

1 Credit/Social Studies

Grade: 11, 12  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Modern American History or AP U.S. History

Course Content: Wars of the 20th Century is designed as an extension of the sophomore Modern American History class. The class will critically examine the major conflicts that have defined the 20th Century. Topics will include the causes, people, strategies, geography, technology, and consequences of various wars. In addition we will consider how events over time have helped shape the attitudes and beliefs about war that are held by today’s society. Course content will focus on WWI, WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and more recent isolated regional conflicts such as the Gulf Wars.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.

Western History

1 Credit/Social Studies

Grade: 10, 11, 12  Laude Point: 0  Cost: Class Fee – None

Prerequisite: Civics and Geography or AP Human Geography

***This course is also a Global Scholars Course***

Course Content: Western History will trace the history of Western culture from its roots in Ancient Greece and Rome, through the emergence of Christianity and the medieval period, to the development of modern European culture. The course will conclude with a unit on Europe’s development up to the 1800’s.

Activities: Activities may include, but are not limited to, class discussion, individual as well as group projects, research projects, video analysis, debates, small group work and guided reading for discussion.

Supplies: Basic classroom supplies are needed.