



# History and Social Sciences

## Anthropology

Anthropologists research the characteristics and origins of the cultural, social, and physical development of humans and consider why some cultures change and others come to an end. In this course, students are introduced to the five main branches of anthropology: physical, cultural, linguistic, social, and archeological. Through instruction and their own investigation and analysis, students explore these topics while considering their relationship to other social sciences such as history, geography, sociology, economics, political science, and psychology. Emulating professional anthropologists, students apply their knowledge and observational skills to the real-life study of cultures in the United States and around the world.

**Prerequisite:** World History (or equivalent) recommended as a prerequisite or corequisite, but not required

## AP<sup>®</sup> Art History *Fine Arts Elective*

AP<sup>®</sup> Art History is an introduction to major works of art and the concepts needed to understand them. This online course fosters in-depth, holistic understanding of the history of art from a global perspective, and builds understanding of the place of art within broader historical, cultural, religious, and political frameworks. The functions and effects of art are the main focus. This AP<sup>®</sup> Art History course is designed to be equivalent with a two-semester introductory college-level art history survey course.

**Prerequisite:** None

## AP<sup>®</sup> Macroeconomics

This course is the equivalent of an introductory college-level course. Students learn why and how the world economy can change from month to month, how to identify trends in our economy, and how to use those trends to develop performance measures and predictors of economic growth or decline. Students also examine how individuals and institutions are influenced by employment rates, government spending, inflation, taxes, and production. Students prepare for the AP<sup>®</sup> exam.

**Prerequisites:** Algebra 2 Honors (Summit Curriculum) (or equivalent) and teacher/school counselor recommendation



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## AP® Microeconomics

This course is the equivalent of an introductory college-level course. Students explore the behavior of individuals and businesses as they exchange goods and services in the marketplace. Students learn why the same product can cost different amounts at different stores, in different cities, and at different times. Students also learn to spot patterns in economic behavior and learn how to use those patterns to explain buyer and seller behavior under various conditions. Lessons promote an understanding of the nature and function of markets, the role of scarcity and competition, the influence of factors such as interest rates on business decisions, and the role of government in the economy. Students prepare for the AP® exam.

**Prerequisites:** Algebra 2 Honors (Summit Curriculum) (or equivalent) and teacher/school counselor recommendation

## AP® Psychology

This course is the equivalent of an introductory college-level course. Students receive an overview of current psychological research methods and theories. They explore the therapies used by professional counselors and clinical psychologists, and examine the reasons for normal human reactions: how people learn and think, the process of human development and human aggression, altruism, intimacy, and self-reflection. They study core psychological concepts, such as the brain and sensory functions, and learn to gauge human reactions, gather information, and form meaningful syntheses. Students prepare for the AP® exam.

**Prerequisites:** Biology Honors (or equivalent) and teacher/school counselor recommendation

## AP® U.S. Government and Politics

In this course, students explore the operations and structure of the U.S. government. Students evaluate political data, hypotheses, concepts, opinions, and processes and learn how to gather data about political behavior and develop their own theoretical analysis of American politics. Students also build the skills they need to examine general propositions about government and politics, and to analyze specific relationships between political, social, and economic institutions. Students prepare for the AP® exam and for further study in political science, law, education, business, and history.

**Prerequisites:** U.S. History Honors (or equivalent) and teacher/school counselor recommendation



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## AP® U.S. History

Students explore and analyze the economic, political, and social transformation of the United States since the time of the first European encounters. Students are asked to master not only the wide array of factual information necessary to do well on the AP® exam, but also to practice skills of critical analysis of historical information and documents. Students read primary and secondary source materials and analyze problems presented by historians to gain insight into challenges of interpretation and the ways in which historical events have shaped American society and culture.

*Available on Online School platform only.*

**Prerequisites:** Success in previous history course and teacher/school counselor recommendation

## AP® World History

This course spans the Neolithic Age to the present in a rigorous academic format organized by chronological periods and viewed through fundamental concepts and course themes. Students analyze the causes and processes of continuity and change across historical periods. Themes include human-environment interaction, cultures, expansion and conflict, political and social structures, and economic systems. In addition to mastering historical content, students cultivate historical thinking skills that involve crafting arguments based on evidence, identifying causation, comparing and supplying context for events and phenomenon, and developing historical interpretation. This course prepares students for the AP® World History exam.

**Prerequisites:** Previous history course and teacher/school counselor recommendation

## Civics

Civics is the study of citizenship and government. This one-semester course provides students with a basic understanding of civic life, politics, and government, and a short history of government's foundation and development in this country. Students learn how power and responsibility are shared and limited by government, the impact American politics has on world affairs, the place of law in the American constitutional system, and which rights the American government guarantees its citizens. Students also examine how the world is organized politically and how civic participation in the American political system compares to that in other societies around the world today.

**Prerequisite:** None



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## Contemporary World Issues

Students analyze governments, economies, peoples, and cultures from around the world in this course. Instruction emphasizes the structures and policies of the United States and how they compare to other systems in the international community. Students apply critical thinking and research skills to examine current events and contemporary issues.

**Prerequisite:** None

## Economics

Students are introduced to the basics of economic principles, and they learn the importance of understanding different economic systems. They also investigate how to think like an economist. Students explore different economic systems, including the American free enterprise system, and they analyze and interpret data to understand the laws of supply and demand. Students are also presented with economic applications in today's world. From economics in the world of business, money, banking, and finance, students see how economics is applied both domestically and globally. Students also study how the government is involved in establishing economic stability in the American free enterprise system as well as how the U.S. economy has a global impact.

**Prerequisite:** None

## Geography

This course explores world geography on a region-by-region basis and covers a broad range of geographical perspectives. Each unit covers one continent or other major geographical region of the world: North America, Central America, South America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Russia, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures, Africa, India, and the Middle East. Students first learn about each region's landforms, climate, and population. They then examine that region's cultural, economic, and political institutions. Each unit is presented in a parallel format to facilitate interregional comparisons and allow students to see the similarities and differences between the regions more clearly.

**Prerequisite:** None

## Modern U.S. History (Core)

This course is a full-year survey that provides students with a comprehensive view of American history from the industrial revolution of the late nineteenth century to recent events. Readings are drawn from *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Online lessons help students organize study, explore topics in-depth, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**Prerequisite:** World History or Modern World Studies (or equivalents)



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## Modern U.S. History (Comprehensive)

This course is a full-year survey that provides students with a comprehensive view of American history from the first migrations of nomadic people to North America to recent events. Readings are drawn from *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Lessons help students organize their study, explore topics in-depth, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**Prerequisite:** World History or Modern World Studies (or equivalents)

## Modern U.S. History (Honors)

This course is a challenging full-year survey that provides students with a comprehensive view of American history from the industrial revolution of the late nineteenth century to recent events. Readings are drawn from *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Lessons help students organize study, explore topics in-depth, review in preparation for assessments, and practice advanced skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research. Students complete independent projects each semester.

**Prerequisites:** World History or Modern World Studies (or equivalents) and teacher/school counselor recommendation

## Modern World Studies (Core)

Students trace the history of the world from approximately 1870 to the present. They begin with a look back at events leading up to 1914, including the Second Industrial Revolution and the imperialism that accompanied it. Their focus then shifts to the contemporary era, including two world wars, the Great Depression, and global Cold War tensions. Students examine both the staggering problems and astounding accomplishments of the twentieth century, with a focus on political and social history. Students also explore topics in physical and human geography, and investigate issues of concern in the contemporary world. Online lessons help students organize study, explore topics, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**Prerequisite:** World History (or equivalent)



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## Modern World Studies (Comprehensive)

In this comprehensive course, students follow the history of the world from approximately 1870 to the present. They begin with a study of events leading up to 1914, including the Second Industrial Revolution and the imperialism that accompanied it. Their focus then shifts to the contemporary era, including two world wars, the Great Depression, and global Cold War tensions. Students examine both the staggering problems and astounding accomplishments of the twentieth century, with a focus on political and social history. Students also explore topics in physical and human geography, and investigate issues of concern in the contemporary world. Lessons help students organize study, explore topics, review in preparation for assessments, and practice sophisticated skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**Prerequisite:** World History (or equivalent)

## Modern World Studies (Honors)

In this advanced course, students investigate the history of the world from approximately 1870 to the present. They begin with an analysis of events leading up to 1914, including the Second Industrial Revolution and the imperialism that accompanied it. Their focus then shifts to the contemporary era, including two world wars, the Great Depression, and global Cold War tensions. Students undertake an in-depth examination of both the staggering problems and astounding accomplishments of the twentieth century, with a focus on political and social history. Students also explore advanced topics in physical and human geography, and investigate issues of concern in the contemporary world. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting research. Students complete independent projects each semester.

**Prerequisites:** World History (or equivalent), success in previous social studies course, and teacher/school counselor recommendation

## Psychology

In this one-semester course, students investigate why human beings think and act the way they do. This is an introductory course that broadly covers several areas of psychology. Instructional material presents theories and current research for students to critically evaluate and understand. Each unit introduces terminology, theories, and research that are critical to the understanding of psychology and includes tutorials and interactive exercises. Students learn how to define and use key terms of psychology and how to apply psychological principles to their own lives. Units include Methods of Study, Biological Basis for Behavior, Learning and Memory, Development and Individual Differences, and Psychological Disorders.

**Prerequisite:** Interest in and a willingness to critically explore the many different areas presented in an introductory course about behavior



## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE LIST

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### U.S. and Global Economics (Core) ½

This course in economic principles uses real-world simulations to teach the issues faced by producers, consumers, investors, and taxpayers in the United States and around the world. Topics include markets; supply and demand; theories of early economic thinkers; theories of value; money; the role of banks, investment houses, and the Federal Reserve; and other fundamental features of capitalism. A survey of current issues in American and global markets rounds out the course.

**Prerequisite:** U.S. Government and Politics (Core) (or equivalent) is recommended, but not required

### U.S. and Global Economics (Comprehensive) ½

In this course on economic principles, students explore choices they face as producers, consumers, investors, and taxpayers. Students apply what they learn to real-world simulation problems. Topics of study include markets from historic and contemporary perspectives; supply and demand; theories of early economic philosophers such as Adam Smith and David Ricardo; theories of value; money (what it is, how it evolved, the role of banks, investment houses, and the Federal Reserve); Keynesian economics; how capitalism functions, focusing on productivity, wages, investment, and growth; issues of capitalism such as unemployment, inflation, and the national debt; and a survey of markets in such areas as China, Europe, and the Middle East.

**Prerequisite:** U.S. Government and Politics (Comprehensive) (or equivalent) is recommended, but not required

### U.S. Government and Politics (Core) ½

This course uses the perspective of political institutions to explore government history, organization, and functions. Students encounter the political culture of our country from the Declaration of Independence to the present day, gaining insight into the challenges faced by presidents, members of Congress, and other political participants. The course also covers the roles of political parties, interest groups, the media, and the Supreme Court. Students learn to use primary historical documents as evidence in evaluating past events and government functions.

**Prerequisite:** U.S. History (Core) (or equivalent) is recommended, but not required

### U.S. Government and Politics (Comprehensive) ½

This course studies the history, organization, and functions of the United States government. Beginning with the Declaration of Independence and continuing through to the present day, students explore the relationship between individual Americans and our governing bodies. Students take a close look at the political culture of our country and gain insight into the challenges faced by citizens, elected government officials, political activists, and others. Students also learn about the roles of political parties, interest groups, the media, and the Supreme Court, and discuss their own views on current political issues.

**Prerequisite:** U.S. History (Comprehensive) (or equivalent) is recommended, but not required



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## U.S. History (Core)

This course is a full-year survey that provides students with a view of American history from the first migrations of nomadic people to North America to recent events. Readings are drawn from *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Online lessons help students organize their study, explore topics, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating timelines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**Prerequisite:** Middle school World History (or equivalent)

## U.S. History (Comprehensive)

This course is a full-year survey that provides students with a comprehensive view of American history from the first migrations of nomadic people to North America to recent events. Readings are drawn from *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Lessons help students organize their study, explore topics, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**Prerequisite:** World History or Modern World Studies (or equivalents)

## U.S. History (Honors)

This course is a challenging full-year survey that provides students with a comprehensive view of American history from the first migrations of nomadic people to North America to recent events. Readings are drawn from *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Lessons help students organize their study, explore topics in-depth, review in preparation for assessments, and practice advanced skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research. Students complete independent projects each semester.

**Prerequisites:** World History or Modern World Studies (or equivalents), success in previous history course, and teacher/school counselor recommendation



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## World History (Core)

In this survey of world history from prehistoric to modern times, students focus on the key developments and events that have shaped civilization across time. The course is organized chronologically and, within broad eras, regionally. Lessons address developments in religion, philosophy, the arts, science and technology, and political history. The course also introduces geography concepts and skills within the context of the historical narrative. Lessons and assessments complement *World History: Our Human Story*. Students analyze primary sources and maps, create time lines, and complete other projects—practicing historical thinking and writing skills as they explore the broad themes and big ideas of human history.

**Prerequisite:** Middle school social studies

## World History (Comprehensive)

In this comprehensive survey of world history from prehistoric to modern times, students focus in-depth on the developments and events that have shaped civilization across time. The course is organized chronologically and, within broad eras, regionally. Lessons address developments in religion, philosophy, the arts, science and technology, and political history. The course also introduces geography concepts and skills within the context of the historical narrative. Lessons and assessments complement *World History: Our Human Story*. Students are challenged to consider topics in-depth as they analyze primary sources and maps, create time lines, and complete other projects—practicing historical thinking and writing skills as they explore the broad themes and big ideas of human history.

**Prerequisite:** Middle school social studies

## World History (Honors)

In this challenging survey of world history from prehistoric to modern times, students focus in-depth on the developments and events that have shaped civilization across time. The course is organized chronologically and, within broad eras, regionally. Lessons address developments in religion, philosophy, the arts, science and technology, and political history. The course also introduces geography concepts and skills within the context of the historical narrative. Lessons and assessments complement *World History: Our Human Story*. Students are challenged to consider topics in-depth as they analyze primary sources and maps, create time lines, and complete other projects—practicing advanced historical thinking and writing skills as they explore the broad themes and big ideas of human history. Students complete an independent honors project each semester.

**Prerequisites:** Middle school social studies and teacher/school counselor recommendation