

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**PHILOSOPHY OF THE DEPARTMENT** The primary purpose of social studies is the integration of history, the social sciences, geography, and the humanities to promote civic competence in our citizenry. Such individuals are well-informed, critical thinkers, who are prepared for the social and personal responsibilities of participating in a democratic society in an ever-changing technological world.

In order to assure civic competence, Utica Community Schools is dedicated to a social studies curriculum that identifies relationships between the past and present and interrelationships within societies. The curriculum is committed to the ethical values of democracy, is concerned with cultural diversity and the dignity of all people, and acknowledges the interdependence of all nations in a global system.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Required Classes</u>	<u>Elective Classes</u>
9th	U.S. History: 1865-1914 (1 semester) Global Issues (1 semester)	None
10th	U.S. History: 1914-1952 (1 semester) U.S. History: 1952-present (1 semester)  or Advanced Placement United States History (2 semesters)	Anthropology I (1 semester) Anthropology II (1 semester) The Law (1 semester) World History (2 semesters)
11th	U.S. Government (1 semester) Economics (1 semester)  or Advanced Placement United States Government (1 semester) Economics (1 semester)	A.P. Comparative Government (1 semester) A.P. Western Civilization (2 semesters) Anthropology I (1 semester) Anthropology II (1 semester) Contemporary Living (1 semester) Psychology (1 semester) Sociology (1 semester) The Law (1 semester) World History (2 semesters)
12th	None	A.P. Western Civilization (2 semesters) A.P. Comparative Government (1 semester) Anthropology I (1 semester) Anthropology II (1 semester) Contemporary Living (1 semester) Psychology (1 semester) Sociology (1 semester) The Law (1 semester) World History (2 semesters)

**ALL FRESHMEN MUST TAKE U.S. HISTORY: 1865-1914 AND GLOBAL ISSUES.**

C025

**UNITED STATES HISTORY 1865-1914**                      1 semester                      1/2 credit                      9

PREREQUISITE: None

The purpose of this US History course is to increase the student's knowledge of the development of the United States as a democratic nation. The course is organized as a chronological/thematic survey of America from 1865 through 1914. This would include an examination of the following major eras in US History: Reconstruction, the American Western Frontier, the Gilded Age, Imperialism, and Progressivism. Emphasis is placed on major events, individuals and ideas comprising our American heritage. This course increases the student's knowledge of historical insights and the continued development of democratic values.

C010

**GLOBAL ISSUES**    1 semester                      1/2 credit                      9

PREREQUISITE: None

The purpose of this course is to examine problems and issues that are shared by people of the world. Global Issues will incorporate geography, culture and history in a focused study of major modern current issues. The fact that many problems and issues are beyond national scope will be stressed, giving students the opportunity to perceive that nations are interconnected and interdependent

**ALL SOPHOMORES MUST TAKE U.S. HISTORY 1914-1952 AND CONTEMPORARY U.S. HISTORY (1952-present) OR ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY**

C090

**U.S.HISTORY: 1914-1952**    1 semester                      1/2 credit                      10

PREREQUISITE: None

This course is organized as a chronological survey of American history beginning with the World War I era, through the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, World War II and concluding with a study of the origins of the Cold War. Political, economic and social aspects of the American experience will be studied with an emphasis on events, ideas, people and issues of the times.

C115

**CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES HISTORY (1952-present)**

1 semester      1/2 credit      10

PREREQUISITE: None

This course is organized as a chronological survey of America since World War II with an emphasis on events, ideas, and issues. Political, economic, and social aspects of the American experience are included. As students study recent American history, special attention is given to geography and current events in Michigan and the United States.

C130

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY**

2 semesters      1 credit      10

PREREQUISITE: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement United States History is for the highly motivated student who is willing to accept the responsibility and challenges of a college-level experience. This college-preparatory course develops and/or improves those skills necessary to get into and survive the first year at a university. Special emphasis is placed upon how our nation today -- politically, socially, economically, and culturally -- is a direct outgrowth of our past. A course objective is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination administered by the College Board in May of each year. The test is optional, and actual performance on the A.P. examination will determine whether college credit will be earned.

<b>ALL JUNIORS MUST TAKE <u>ECONOMICS</u> AND A UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CLASS.</b>
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C150

**ECONOMICS**

1 semester      1/2 credit      11

PREREQUISITE: None

The purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the role of economics in the shaping of everyday life. Topics studied include the operation of a market economy, advertising, swindles, our money system, credit, investment, personal finance, budgeting, collective bargaining, economic stability, money and banking, public policy, economic cycles, comparative economic systems, and the stock market. Economic skills will be developed using computer-assisted resources.

C180

**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

1 semester

1/2 credit

11

PREREQUISITE: None

U.S. Government fulfills the government graduation requirement. It focuses on how governmental decisions are made, who makes them, what forces and factors influence them, and what some of the causes and effects of such decisions can be. The course covers a description and analysis of the American political system as it relates to contemporary issues and problems. Emphasis is placed on the individual responsibility of every citizen to determine the quality of our government on the federal, state and local levels.

C191

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

1 semester

1/2 credit

11

PREREQUISITE: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement U.S. Government is designed for the college-bound senior and fulfills the government graduation requirement. The course will be taught at a level similar to that of an introductory college political science course. Students will be required to do intensive reading, writing, research and critical thinking about political issues and information. An objective of the course is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination, administered in May of each year. Actual performance on the A.P. exam will determine whether college credit will be earned.

C192

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT**

1 semester

1/2 credit

11-12

PREREQUISITE: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement Comparative Government defines, compares and contrasts the three major political structures in the world today: The Western democracies, Communist nations, and the Third World. Britain, France, the former Soviet Union, China, Nigeria, India and Mexico are the seven target countries studied. The course will be taught using a college format and the student will be required to do extensive critical and analytical reading and writing. The course will prepare the student for the Advanced Placement Examination in May. This class does **not** fulfill the United States government requirement for graduation.

C050

**WORLD HISTORY**

2 semesters

1 credit

10-12

PREREQUISITE: None

World History is the study of civilizations, people, places, and events over the past 5,000 years of human history. It includes such cultures as those of Ancient Egypt, the Roman Empire, the Middle Ages, Renaissance Italy and the 20th century world. Also studied are ideas and concepts such as socialism, democracy, nationalism, dictatorship, communism and Nazism. Students will realize that man has had similar needs and problems universally through time and has met those needs and problems in different ways.

C060

**ANTHROPOLOGY I**

1 semester 1/2 credit 10-12

PREREQUISITE: None

This course is an introduction to physical and cultural anthropology. Topics covered include process of natural selection, physical evolution of humans, development of human culture, primate anatomy and behavior. Emphasis is on human physical and cultural development throughout prehistoric times.

C061

**ANTHROPOLOGY II**

1 semester 1/2 credit 10-12

PREREQUISITE: Anthropology I

This course reviews some of the significant cultural content of introductory Anthropology I. Other topics include: ancient North American cultures and remains, analysis of specific regional fossils and artifacts, analysis of specific archeological sites throughout the world, and the research, development, and presentation of a cultural case study.

C070

**THE LAW**

1 semester 1/2 credit 10-12

PREREQUISITE: None

This course stresses the importance of the law in a democratic society. The principles and values upon which our legal system is based are examined and students are introduced to the many types of law that affect our citizens daily. Topics covered in this course include: the law and legal system, criminal law, civil law, consumer law, family law, juvenile law, and individual rights.

C140

**\*\*\*CONTEMPORARY LIVING**

1 semester 1/2 credit 11-12

PREREQUISITE: None

This course will help students understand and improve family relationships, as well as establish lifestyle goals for the future. Emphasis will be on skill development and communication techniques. Other topics include the needs in different stages of life, dealing with the changes of life, and coordinating work with family life. Students will develop the ability to recognize and/or cope with problems such as abuse, divorce, remarriage, aging family members, and death.

C160

**PSYCHOLOGY**

1 semester 1/2 credit 11-12

PREREQUISITE: None

Psychology explores basic principles of human behavior with an emphasis on the major characteristics of mental health, theories of learning, and personality development. Other topics covered are mental disorders, motivation, and study skills. Traditional and modern theories of psychology will be presented.

C170

**SOCIOLOGY**

1 semester

1/2 credit

11-12

PREREQUISITE: None

Sociology is the study of people in their relationship with others. The course focuses on four main units: Socialization, which is the study of how we become what we are; Institutions, which is the examination of the influences that family, religion, education, politics and the economy and have upon us; Social Stratification, which is an analysis of our social class and attitudes; and Social Change, which looks at planned and unplanned social changes.

C200

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

2 semesters

1 credit

11-12

PREREQUISITE: Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Placement Western Civilization is for the mature and motivated college-bound student who desires a college-level learning experience. This course examines the political, social, economic, cultural, intellectual, and military aspects of Europe from 1450 to the present. Extensive reading and writing are major components of this class. Students have the option of taking the Advanced Placement Examination given in May of each year. Actual performance on the exam will determine whether college credit will be earned.