

Social Studies Course Offerings for Grade 10

12/2006

Course	Textbook	Ancillary Readings	Projects	Performance Assessments	Final Exam	Students
Advanced Placement U.S. History (27 weeks) Teacher recommendation required.	<i>Out of Many</i> – college level textbook	<i>American Issues</i> – Anthology of primary and secondary sources	Internet-based packet on American government completed over the summer.	History Day research project or equivalent formal research project.	Multiple choice items and essay questions similar to AP exams. Free-response and DBQ essay questions not provided in advance.	For students seeking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most rigorous, college level work • College credit • Scholar’s Diploma • Admission to highly selective colleges • Weighted grade (1.0)
Recent America Honors and American Political System Honors (9 weeks each) Must take both courses. Teacher recommendation required.	<i>The American Paradox and Challenge of Democracy</i> – high level texts	Some supplementary readings beyond the textbook will be required.	Book review in Recent America Honors. Research paper (1200-1500 words) with citations in American Political System Honors.	Vietnam era document based question and principles of government letter.	Multiple-choice questions are more difficult than those in the Academic level. Possible essay questions provided in advance.	For students seeking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging program • Rigorous, college preparatory work • Admission to selective colleges • Weighted grade (0.25)
Recent America Academic and American Political System Academic (9 weeks each) Must take both courses.	<i>The Americans_ and Magruder’s American Government</i> – high school texts	Some supplementary readings beyond the textbook may be required.	No departmental projects.	Vietnam era document based question and principles of government letter.	Multiple choice items and essay questions. Essay question provided in advance of exam.	For students seeking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An academic program • College preparation
Contemporary American History and Practical Politics (9 weeks each) Must take both courses.	<i>The American Nation and Civics</i> – lower high school level texts.	Fewer supplementary readings will be required.	No departmental projects.	Letter on the Vietnam War and government letter.	No Final Exam. There is a Comprehensive Assessment.	For students who may not attend college.

