

WHICH SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE DO I NEED TO TAKE?

Osborne offers seven Social Studies courses. For graduation, you are required to earn three Social Studies credits. However, many university programs encourage or require four social studies courses.

- **World Geography or AP Human Geography**
- **World History, Honors World History, or AP World History***
- **United States History, Honors US History, or AP US History***
- **American Government or AP US Government & Politics***
- **Economics or AP Microeconomics***
- **AP Psychology**
- **Sociology**

*Geography is encouraged in the 9th grade. However, World History, US History, and Government (½ credit) and Economics (½ credit) are requirements for graduation.

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Osborne High School Social Studies Curriculum Information

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OHS Vision:

One Goal, Many Paths:
Student Success

OHS Mission:

Empowering students to be
innovative leaders and thinkers
in a global society



CARDINALS SOAR WHEN WE ARE
SUPPORTIVE
OPEN-MINDED
ACCOUNTABLE
RESPECTFUL

World Geography

an elective 9th grade Social Studies course provides students with an analytical view of how geographic factors have and continue to influence human behavior on the earth. Students will examine how the physical and cultural geographic factors contribute to varying levels of cooperation within the major world regions. Additionally, students will examine the importance that political, environmental, and economic factors have in a region's development.

AP Human Geography

an elective 9th grade Social Studies course that conforms to the College Board topics for the Advanced Placement Human Geography Exam. Students are expected to demonstrate research and writing skills.

World History

is a survey course beginning with the earliest civilizations and highlighting important developments throughout the world until the early 21st century. This course includes topics related to Early Civilizations and Classical Empires; Growth, Expansion, and the Emergence of the Modern World; Global Interaction and Conflict; and the Contemporary World.

Honors World History

is a survey of people and nations of both Western and non-Western civilizations. This course explores the political, cultural, and economic heritage of civilization from the time of recorded history through the industrial revolution (5000 B.C. -1800s) and from the rise of nationalism to contemporary times (1800s-present). Critical thinking and problem solving are stressed. Extensive reading and writing are required.

AP World History

conforms to the College Board topics for the Advanced Placement World History Exam. Includes study of cultural, political, social, and economic history. Students are expected to demonstrate research and writing skills.

United States History

examines the history of the United States beginning with the British settlement of North America. The course's main focus is the development of the United States in the 20th and 21st centuries. The course includes topics related to Colonization through the Constitutional Era; Era of the New Republic to Reconstruction; Industrialization, Reform, and Imperialism; Establishment as a World Power; and the Modern Era.

Honors US History

is a survey of the development of the United States from discovery through the present. The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge, awareness, and appreciation of America's social, political, and economic development during the formative years to the present. This course places an emphasis on inquiry and analysis of historical situations. Extensive reading and writing are required.

AP US History

conforms to College Board topics for the Advanced Placement United States History Exam. This course covers discovery and settlement, colonial society, the American Revolution, Constitution and the New Republic, Age of Jefferson, Nationalism, Sectionalism, Territorial Expansion, Civil War, Reconstruction, Industrialization, Progressive Era, World War I, the development of Mass Culture, Great Depression, New Deal, World War II, the Cold War, through Modern Times.

American Government

is a study of the local, state, and federal governmental functions. Citizenship rights and responsibilities are emphasized. Focus areas include development of our political system, federalism, civil liberties, political parties, political theory, and comparative government. It also includes study of the functions of our executive, legislative, and judicial branches. (½ credit course taken with Principles of Economics)

Principles of Economics*

is a study of fundamental concepts and essential elements of the market economic system in a problem/ issues orientation. Focus areas include opportunity costs and scarcity, supply/demand analysis, competitive markets, macroeconomics measurement, business cycles, inflation, unemployment, monetary/fiscal policies, and international trade. (½ credit course taken with American Government)

AP American Government & Politics

conforms to College Board topics for the Advanced Placement American Government & Politics Exam. This course covers local, state, and federal governmental functions.

AP Microeconomics

conforms to the College Board topics for the Advanced Placement Microeconomics Exam. This course covers basic economic concepts, the nature and functions of product markets, factor markets and efficiency, equity and the role of government.

AP Psychology

conforms to the College Board topics for the Advanced Placement Psychology Exam. This course is a college-level survey course with study in Learning Theory, Abnormal Behavior, and Social Psychology. Extensive reading, writing, and statistical analysis are required of students.

Sociology

investigates the principles of sociology, the individual in groups, social institutions, social control and the use of research methods to examine social problems. This course integrates and reinforces social studies skills.

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