



# Social Studies

# Core/Required Courses

## 9th Grade

### World History/Geography I

Options (all diploma types): Standard and Honors

## 11th Grade

### Virginia and United States History

Options (all diploma types): Standard, Honors, AP US History

## 10th Grade

### World History/Geography II

Options for Advanced Diploma: Standard, Honors, AP World History

Options for Standard Diploma: African American History\*, World 2 Standard or Honors, AP World History, Sociology/Current Affairs, Combating Intolerance, or Philosophy/World Religions

## 12th Grade

### Virginia and United States Government

Options (all diploma types): Standard, Honors, AP US Government, AP Comparative Government

# Social Studies Elective Options (Non AP)

Course	9th	10th	11th	12th
African American History	x	x	x	x
Combating Intolerance	x	x	x	x
Psychology			x	x
Sociology/Current Affairs		x	x	x
Philosophy/World Religions		x	x	x
Leadership/SGA	x	x	x	x
Peer Helping		x	x	x

# Social Studies Advanced Placement Elective Options

Course	9th	10th	11th	12th
AP Capstone 1 (Seminar)		x	x	x
AP Capstone 2 (Research)			x	x
AP Psychology			x	x
AP Economics (satisfies EPF requirement)			x	x
AP Human Geography		x	x	x
AP European History		x	x	x

# Checklist: Are you ready for Honors and/or AP?

Are you willing to learn the content outside of school hours?

Can you handle taking a course where an “A” might not come easily?

Are you willing to make a commitment to being in the same class for the year?

Are you willing to challenge yourself and see that challenge through?

Can you work independently and keep your materials organized?

Are you willing to advocate for yourself (i.e. asking questions for clarification, emailing about errors or problems, seeking help when struggling)?

Can you explain your understanding both orally and in writing?

Are you willing to learn the course material outside of school hours independently within the confines of a deadline?

Do you agree with the following statement: “I can manage my classes and my extracurricular activities without guidance”?

Can you read and comprehend material that is above your grade level?

Are your parents willing to answer these questions the same way you are?

If you answered “No” to these questions, you are encouraged to sign up for Standard courses and non AP electives for now (but you are encouraged to work toward adding honors and/or AP classes in the future).

If you answered “Yes” to these questions, you are encouraged to sign up for Honors and/or AP courses and electives.

Don't forget to reach out to your current teacher for his/her perspective on your readiness level for advanced courses.

# Course Comparisons

# 2022-2023 World History 2 Options (Sophomores)

## World 2 Standard

### Work in Class:

Scaffolded notes – notes- with blanks or some form of form of distributed note sheet.

Graphic organizers

Reading as a group – Supported reading

Review sessions – Whole class review games before tests

### Work outside of Class:

Minimal homework – may have time in class to begin homework

**Tests/Projects:** Unit tests and quizzes, projects are done in class

### Other relevant information:

Retakes – Remedial work required first

## World 2 Honors

**Work in Class:** No guided notes.

Students are expected to take lecture notes on notebook paper and keep up with the pace of the class

DBQ's - Students will begin working through DBQ's immediately and will progress to completing full DBQ's by the end of the year

### Work outside of Class:

Homework and work on projects outside of class

### Tests/Projects:

Tests and assignments are more analysis based. Less recall questions and more whole concepts

One honors project per quarter which will be done in class and at home

### Other relevant information:

Retakes – Remedial work required first  
Significant emphasis placed on Cause and Effect relationships throughout the year.

## AP World

**Work in Class:** Note taking (some guided), Discussions based on previous reading, lecture, in-class writing of Short Answer Questions, Long Answer Questions, and Document Based Questions.

**Work outside of Class:** 60 minutes a week of assigned reading, occasional graphic organizers to accompany reading.

**Tests/Projects:** smaller section quizzes, Unit exams, occasional group or individual projects throughout the year. All tests and quizzes are given in the style of the AP exam, timed, and intended to help students prepare for the exam in May.

**Other relevant information:** 1.0 GPA bump. Students should expect to participate in class discussions and ask questions for clarification. Unit exam retakes are available for those who score under 80%, and students will be able to earn up to 80% on the retake.

# 2022-2023 US/VA History Options (Juniors)

## **US/VA History Standard**

Work in Class: Building historical and critical thinking skills, explicit vocabulary instruction

Work outside of Class: Minimal

Tests/Projects: Unit exams, quizzes, projects scaffolded during class time

Other relevant information: Guided notes provided, visuals utilized to make connections

## **US/VA History Honors**

Work in Class: DBQs, Inquiry-based learning, higher level reading and analysis, more advanced writing expectations, historical research skillbuilding

Work outside of Class: NHD work will be completed mostly outside of class time

Tests/Projects: National History Day Research Project (20% of grade)

Other relevant information: 0.5 GPA bump, great first honors class for students to try

## **AP US History**

Work in Class: Note taking, Discussions based on previous reading, in-class writing of Short Answer Questions, Long Answer Questions, and Document Based Questions.

Work outside of Class: 60 minutes on average of reading and note taking is expected per week.

Tests/Projects: Reading Quizzes and Unit Exams. Unit Exams are designed to prepare students for the AP Exam in May

Other relevant information: 1.0 GPA bump. Students should expect to participate in class discussions and ask questions for clarification.



# 2022-2023 Government Options (Seniors)- slide 1/2

## **US-VA Government Standard**

### Work in Class:

Slideshow notes (quizzes based on notes), videos, graphic organizers, classroom simulations, online learning games and reviews, student presentations, group work

### Work outside of Class:

Some homework, 4 projects

### Tests/Projects:

~14 Unit tests, 4 Qtr. exams (no final exam), 4 Qtr. Projects

### Other relevant information:

Retakes for tests, exams (<80%)

## **US-VA Government Honors**

Work in Class: Notetaking, article analysis, Discussion Board posts. group decision making simulations

Work outside of Class: Quarter Projects (See Below), textbook reading guides, prep for tests & quizzes

Tests/Projects: 1 project per quarter (Elections, Interest Groups, Congress, Bill of Rights); Unit Exams plus Final Exam

### Other relevant information:

Exam Retakes-remediation assignment completion required

# 2022-2023 Government Options- slide 2/2

## **AP Government- US**

Work in Class: Notetaking, Free Response Question writing and peer review, some Project Based Learning, Discussion Board posts, primary source analysis (Ex. Federalist Papers/ Supreme Court cases), current events discussions

Work outside of Class: Free Response Question writing, prep for unit exams and AP Exam. 1 chapter reading per week on average

Tests/Projects: Comprehensive unit exams designed to simulate the AP Exam (free response and multiple choice)

Other relevant information: College level subject matter. If students have NOT taken an AP social studies course, it is strongly recommended they visit an AP Gov teacher (Gibbs/English) prior to enrolling.

## **APUS & Comparative Government**

Work in Class: Notetaking, Free Response Question writing and peer review, Discussion Board posts, primary source analysis, country comparisons, townhall debates

Work outside of Class: Free Response Question writing, prep for unit exams and AP Exam. 1-2 chapters reading per week on average

Tests/Projects: Comprehensive unit exams designed to simulate the AP Exam (free response and multiple choice)

Other relevant information: Two college level semester courses in one. Moves at nearly twice the pace of the AP US Government-only course. See Mr. Gibbs to ask questions about course expectations, preview materials, etc.