SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT
NINTH GRADE COURSES

SOCIAL STUDIES 1R
One Unit One Year
Prerequisite: Social Studies 8 or 8H

Social Studies 1R is the first half of a two-year sequence in Global History and Geography based on the six social studies practices. The course will focus on a comprehensive study of the history of the world using a chronological approach from ancient times until about 1750. Students will also be introduced to the methods of social scientists and will use these methods throughout the course. Connections will be made between the great civilizations of Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. Emphasis will be placed on problem solving, essay writing, research, and geographical skills. Support services will be provided for students in need of extra help.  A SCHOOL EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED AT THE END OF SOCIAL STUDIES 1R.  THE REGENTS EXAMINATION AT THE END OF THE 10TH GRADE MUST BE PASSED IN ORDER TO GRADUATE.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
One Unit One Year
Prerequisite: Social Studies 8 or 8H

This advanced placement course is a core class for 9th grade students who have an outstanding record of academic performance and are willing to devote considerable time and effort required to do college-level work while in high school. This is a college level course designed to represent a systematic study of the earth & its inhabitants. The course covers seven different units including such items as: how to think geographically and use maps, population issues, cultural patterns, political organization of space, agricultural and rural land use, industrialization and economic development, and cities and urban land use. This course answers questions like “Why places and things are what they are; what their location means in the past, present, and future, and how their location affects other places?” Ultimately, the course should help you answer questions about how you relate geographically to the places you inhabit, and how you relate to our world of diverse places. Preparation for this class will require extensive reading and writing

A SCHOOL EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED AND THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION IN MAY IS REQUIRED

NINTH GRADE LAW ACADEMY ELECTIVE:
INTRODUCTION TO LAW
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisite: Law Academy Students

This course will focus on such topics as the origins of law throughout the ancient world, an introduction to the litigation process, tort law, contract law, property law, and environmental law. Films and community speakers are anticipated. The course will culminate with a Law Academy research project/case study. It is highly recommended that students enrolled in the Law Academy take this course in 9th grade.

Law Academy students are encouraged to take Justice & the Modern World in 10th grade, College-Level Law and Crime in 11th grade, and See You in Court in 12th Grade.

TENTH GRADE COURSES

SOCIAL STUDIES 2R
One Unit One Year
Prerequisite: Social Studies 1R

Social Studies 2 is the second half of a two-year sequence in Global History and Geography. This course will cover 1750 to the present. Global Studies 2R is a Regents program which is a continuation of the ninth grade course of study that is taught at a level consistent with students planning to enter college. Writing skills and independent research are stressed to further the academic strengths of these students. A research project is required. REGENTS EXAMINATION IN GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY IS REQUIRED FOR ALL.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT WORLD HISTORY: MODERN
One Unit One Year
Prerequisite: AP World History I

This year long advanced placement history course is intended to provide the student with an understanding of the base upon which the modern world was built. A balanced approach will be taught covering the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. The time frame of the course will span from 1200 C.E. to the present using the five themes outlined in the AP World History Course Description. Through an exploration of primary and secondary materials, the student will have an opportunity to sense the flavor of an era, to assess the complexity of issues, and to discover how historians reach conclusions about the past. Preparation for this class will require extensive reading and writing. This course will prepare students for the Advanced Placement test that they must take in May. Students must also pass the Regents examination in Global History and Geography given in June (a requirement for graduation).

THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION AND THE REGENTS EXAMINATION IN GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY ARE REQUIRED.

TENTH GRADE LAW ACADEMY ELECTIVE:
JUSTICE & THE MODERN WORLD
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisite: Introduction to Law for Law Academy Students

This course will focus on such topics as constitutional law, constitutional rights, international laws, laws of war (World War I, World War II, Cold War, and Post 9/11 World) and examination of Supreme Court cases. Films and community speakers are anticipated. The course will culminate with a Law Academy research project/case study. It is highly recommended that Law Academy students take this course in 10th grade.

Law Academy students are encouraged to take College-Level Law and Crime in 11th grade, and See You in Court in 12th Grade.
ELEVENTH GRADE COURSES:

Advanced Placement United States History is available for eleventh graders who wish to pursue advanced study and want the opportunity to earn college credit as well as seniors who wish to take it as an elective.

SOCIAL STUDIES 3R
One Unit One Year
Prerequisite: Social Studies 2R

Social Studies 3R is known as United States History and Government. The course will focus primarily on the history of the United States using a chronological approach beginning with the development of democracy in the colonial period and concluding with our own time. Emphasis will be placed on the period since the Civil War. The course also emphasizes the recognition of the thirteen basic Constitutional issues and the substantive application of Constitutional principles. This is a Regents program that is taught at a level consistent with students planning to enter college. The course is designed to emphasize a mastery of content as well as the development of thinking skills, writing skills, and independent research to further the academic strengths of these students. A research project is required. THE REGENTS EXAMINATION IN UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION. ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS MUST TAKE REGENTS EXAMINATION.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY
One Unit One Year
Prerequisite: Social Studies 2R or AP World History II

AP U.S. History is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university U.S. history course. In AP U.S. History students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical comparisons; and utilizing reasoning about contextualization, causation, and continuity and change over time. Although there are no formal prerequisites for AP U.S. History, students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences. In addition, prospective students should be aware that there is a lengthy required summer reading assignment, and that the class moves at an accelerated pace in order to cover the demanding six credit college level curriculum.

THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION IN UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT AND THE REGENTS EXAMINATION ARE REQUIRED.

ELEVENTH GRADE LAW ACADEMY ELECTIVE:

COLLEGE-LEVEL LAW AND CRIME
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisites: Introduction to Law and Justice in the Modern World

This course is the equivalent to Molloy College’s CRJ 102 Introduction to American Jurisprudence Course. This course will focus on such topics as the meaning and application of law, criminal behavior, the victim, causes and influences of crime, law enforcement, criminology, the administration of justice, and the system of correction. Films, community speakers, mock trials, and visits to the courts are anticipated. The course will culminate with a Law Academy research project/case study. It is highly recommended that Law Academy students take this course in 11th grade. This course allows students to earn 3 college credits through Molloy College.

Law Academy students are encouraged to take See You in Court in 12th Grade.

ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH GRADE ELECTIVES:

INTRODUCTION TO LAW
One-half Unit One-half Year

This course will focus on such topics as the origins of law throughout the ancient world, an introduction to the litigation process, tort law, contract law, property law, and environmental law. Films and community speakers are anticipated. SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

JUSTICE & THE MODERN WORLD
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisites (or co-requisites): Social Studies 3R, AP U.S. History

This course will focus on such topics as constitutional law, constitutional rights, international laws, laws of war (World War I, World War II, Cold War, and Post 9/11 World) and examination of Supreme Court cases. Films and community speakers are anticipated. SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

COLLEGE-LEVEL LAW AND CRIME
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisites: Introduction to Law and/or Justice in the Modern World

This course is the equivalent to Molloy College’s CRJ 102 Introduction to American Jurisprudence Course. This course will focus on such topics as the meaning and application of law, criminal behavior, the victim, causes and influences of crime, law enforcement, criminology, the administration of justice, and the system of correction. Films, community speakers, mock trials, and visits to the courts are anticipated. SCHOOL EXAMINATION. This course allows students to obtain 3 college credits through Molloy College.

SEE YOU IN COURT
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and/or Justice in the Modern World

This course offers students the opportunity to become engaged and work within the realm of the courtroom. Students examine the responsibilities and duties of the Prosecution and Defense Attorneys, where they break down their investigative procedures to develop their case for trial. What students have examined and learned ultimately culminates into a series of Mock Trials, where students take what they have learned and display it in the form of a professionally conducted trial. SCHOOL EXAMINATION.
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FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES: HUMAN MORALITY, 20TH CENTURY GENOCIDE AND OUR PERSONAL CHOICES
One-half Unit  One-half Year

This course is an examination of racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry. By studying examples of genocide – especially the Holocaust, students make the essential connection between history and the moral choices they confront in their own lives. The course will be taught using the methods of the humanities – inquiry, analysis, and interpretation – to teach about the human capacity for monumental evil and extraordinary courage.

COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY
One-half Unit  One-half Year

Prerequisites (or co-requisites): Social Studies 3R or AP U.S. History

This course is an introduction into such key areas of behavior as personality development, learning and thinking processes, mental health and disorders, adolescent behavior, and various forms of social behavior. Students will have an opportunity to study some of the famous psychologists and their contributions. This course allows students to obtain 3 college credits through St. John’s University.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY
One Unit  One Year

The Advanced Placement course is designed to provide the student with a learning experience equivalent to an introductory college psychology course, usually taken during the freshman year. The course will introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals.

Students will be exposed to the psychological facts, principles and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. The course will also prepare students for the Advanced Placement examination given in May where college credit may be earned.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION IN PSYCHOLOGY AND A SCHOOL EXAMINATION ARE REQUIRED.

COLLEGE SOCIOLOGY
One-half Unit  One-half Year

This semester course is designed to be the equivalent of a college introductory course in sociology. Topics covered will include socialization, social interaction in everyday life, social class, deviance, families, education, collective behavior and social movements. Class discussions will focus on case studies, both classic and cutting-edge, and involve students in a collaborative forum for briefing controversial social issues. This course allows students to obtain 3 college credits through St. John’s University.

REGENTS REVIEW: U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT (GRADE 12)
Credit: 0
Examination: Preparation for retaking the Regents exam

This half-year course is offered to seniors who have not been successful on the United States History Regents Examination. The class will meet every other day providing students with a detailed review in preparation for success on the Regents.

REGENTS REVIEW: GLOBAL STUDIES (GRADES 11-12)
Credit: 0
Examination: Preparation for retaking the Regents exam

This half-year course is offered to juniors and seniors who have not been successful on the Global History and Geography Regents Examination. The class will meet every other day providing students with a detailed review in preparation for success on the Regents.

TWELFTH GRADE COURSES:

In the twelfth grade all students will be required to take a one semester course in Economics and a one semester course in Participation in Government. Honor students may substitute AP U.S. Government and Politics for Participation in Government.

COLLEGE-LEVEL ECONOMICS (SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY)
One-half Unit  One-half Year

This course, offered through Syracuse University, covers essential aspects of consumer personal finance including record keeping, budgeting, banking, saving, borrowing, investing, insurance, taxes and retirement planning. The goal of this course is to provide students with foundational financial understandings and experiences that will allow them to make more informed personal finance decisions over their lifetimes, as well as to better handle a constantly changing financial world. The course is rigorous but not overly mathematical. This course satisfies the Regents requirement for Economics and allows students the option of obtaining 3 college credits through Syracuse University. Tuition expenses per credit are paid directly to Syracuse University.
ECONOMICS
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisites: Social Studies 3R

Economics is designed to provide students with economic knowledge and skills to enable them to function in our society. The course will develop an understanding of economic systems, theories and practices, components of the economy such as business, consumers, labor, and government; operational goals which can measure the economy such as employment, income, price stability, growth, and technological change, as well as the increasing role of the United States in a world economy. **SCHOOL EXAMINATION**

ECONOMICS H
One-half Unit One-half Year

This course will probe more deeply into the field of economics. More extensive reading and writing will be required including the completion of a documented research paper. **SCHOOL EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED.**

COLLEGE-LEVEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS (SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY)
One-half Unit One-half Year

This course is an introduction to the skills needed to analyze the kinds of public policy issues that citizens face in a democracy. Students study societal issues through research and discussion. A community link team approach enables them to work in teams and develop solutions to societal problems. The course includes computer networking with the Syracuse University website. This course will culminate in a Law Academy research project/case study for those seniors who are a part of the Academy. This course satisfies the Regents’ requirement for Participation in Government and allows students the option of obtaining three college credits through Syracuse University. Tuition expenses per credit are paid directly to Syracuse University.

PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisites: Social Studies 3R

Participation in Government is designed as a public policy course in which the student will be expected to understand the nature of politics, how political decisions are made and how selective public policy is formed, implemented and evaluated at the local, state, federal, and international levels in order to make intelligent and effective decisions. **SCHOOL EXAMINATION**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisite: Advanced Placement U.S. History

This advanced placement course is a replacement for honors Participation in Government and is an equivalent to an introductory college course in U.S. Government and Politics which is one semester in length. Students should have an outstanding record of academic performance, and be willing to devote considerable time and effort required to do college-level work while in high school.

Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics will give students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. politics. Students will become acquainted with the variety of theoretical perspectives and explanations for various behaviors and outcomes. Topics include: Constitutional Underpinnings of United States Government, Political Beliefs and Behaviors, Political Parties, Interest Groups, Mass Media, Institutions of National Government, Public Policy, and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. (Must be taken in conjunction with Economics 4H)

THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION IN MAY IS REQUIRED.

TWELTH GRADE LAW ACADEMY ELECTIVE:

SEE YOU IN COURT
One-half Unit One-half Year
Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Justice in the Modern World, and College-Level Law and Crime for Law Academy Students

This course offers students the opportunity to become engaged and work within the realm of the courtroom. Students examine the responsibilities and duties of the Prosecution and Defense Attorneys, where they break down their investigative procedures to develop their case for trial. What students have examined and learned ultimately culminates into a series of Mock Trials, where students take what they have learned and display it in the form of a professionally conducted trial. **SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**