

SOCIAL STUDIES 2016-17

<u>Freshman</u> Civics	<u>Sophomore</u> World History	<u>Junior</u> American History Geography Psychology Sociology Philosophy Current Events History of American Women	<u>Senior</u> Geography Psychology Sociology Philosophy Current Events History of American Women
812-813	<u>Civics</u>	(1)	2 sem. 1.0 cr.
Civics is a study of the basic governmental structure on the local, state and federal levels. This is reinforced by exploring how being a good citizen relates with good government structure. Topics to be covered are: The Federal, State, and Local Governments; What is Good Citizenship?; How America's Free Economy Works; Jobs for Education of Americans; Improving American Ways of Life; and America in Today's World. State mandatory tests, covering the US Constitution and Missouri State Constitution, will be administered in this class.			
808-809	<u>World History</u>	(2)	2 sem. 1.0 cr.
World History is the study of events chronologically of man from prehistory to the present. The program covers geography, philosophies, and the major happenings of western culture. The foundations of western culture that we study would be with Greece, Rome, middle ages and World War II. At the end of the year we cover more modern history with PowerPoint presentations on 1970 to today. The course includes studying the record man has left in government, science, the arts and all other aspects of human endeavors.			
810-811	<u>American History</u>	(3)	2 sem. 1.0 cr.
American history from pre-Civil War to the present will be explored with factual and interpretive material. Economic, political, and social fundamental morals are studied in a manner as to give the student a well-rounded look at our nation. Units to be covered are: Rift and Reunion; The Roots of a Modern Nation; The New Era of the Twenties; Economic Crisis and the New Deal; The United States Transformed; The Postwar World; Toward Equality and Social Reform; The Troubled Years; and New Challenges.			
803	<u>Sociology</u>	(3,4)	1 sem. 0.5 cr.
Sociology is the social science that deals with human relationships. In this course, attention is given to how one relates to others and how one's individual behavior is influenced by other people. Areas of study include: The Scientific Method as applied to the social sciences, culture, cultural change, conformity, deviance, personality formation, social groups, social stratification, minorities and social institutions.			
804	<u>Psychology</u>	(3,4)	1 sem. 0.5 cr.
Psychology is a course of study to help understand one's behavior and how it relates to the behavior of others. Included in the course is a general introduction to this field, while the emphasis will be placed on various topics: understanding personality, human growth and development, emotions, motivation, mental health and mental illness.			
806	<u>Geography</u>	(3,4)	1 sem. 0.5 cr.
World Geography is the study of our planet and its various regions. Emphasis will be placed on human geography in various "hot spots" in the world as well as current issues in those areas today.			
817	<u>History of American Women</u>	(3,4)	1 sem. 0.5 cr.
History of American Women surveys the social, cultural and political developments that shaped American women's lives from the colonial period to 1890. It will analyze the ways American culture defined women's place during different historical periods, and the ways women worked to comply with or resist those definitions. Topics include pre-industrial society, transformations in work and family life, industrialism and class formation, slavery, women's culture and the emergence of a women's movement. Course requirements include short papers in response to sections covered, and one or two book reviews.			

- 815 Philosophy (3,4) 1 sem. 0.5 cr.
Philosophy is the search for truth from different points of view. This course will include a general survey of some of the major viewpoints of what the truth really is. We start with Socrates questions to find out how to define truth and work our way forward in philosophies evolution, from Descartes proving of existence, St. Thomas Aquinas finding God, and Nietzsche's ideas of man. This course is designed to give the students a greater understanding of what the foundations to philosophy and the search for truth is about.
- 816 Current Events (3,4) 1 sem. 0.5 cr.
This course uses a wide variety of sources including: television, internet, newspaper and weekly magazines. Students should become more aware not only of important events and trends on the domestic and international scene, but will be able to focus on a select few for an in-depth understanding of the historical as well as current context of the event(s). The fundamental goal of this course is to widen horizons for students in a way which will hopefully inspire lifelong interest in what is happening domestically and internationally