

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The NBHS social studies courses offer an opportunity for students to engage in historical study of domestic and foreign affairs, as well as to explore the behavioral sciences. Areas of emphasis include the development of social and academic skills, particularly in the areas of human relationships, research, argumentative writing, and interpretive reading.

The enduring focus is to guide students to value human dignity and to improve critical thinking skills through analysis and historical thinking.

PATHWAY 1 (College/Honors)

GRADE 9

281 American Government and Patterns of Geography (Honors)

GRADE 10

230 AP United States History (APUSH) (College)

231 United States History (Honors)

GRADE 11

210 AP World History (College)

211 World History (Honors)

GRADE 12

220 AP Psychology

250 AP Macroeconomics/UConn ECE

PATHWAY 2 (Accelerated)

GRADE 9

282 American Government and Patterns of Geography

GRADE 10

232 United States History

GRADE 11

212 World History

GRADE 12

218 Psychology

228 Sociology

244 Latin American Civilizations

248 Contemporary Issues

GRADE 9 SOCIAL STUDIES

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PATTERNS OF GEOGRAPHY

In this highly interactive course, students will examine the rights and responsibilities of American citizenry within our national boundaries and as key members of the global community. Students will gain an appreciation for democratic principles and their impact on both a national and international level relating to human growth and expansion through the use of simulations, critical thinking activities, debates and guest speakers. Students will use geographic tools and technology to investigate the cost of human interaction upon the environment while in pursuit of economic resources, and finally, determine the consequences of those interactions.

281	<u>AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PATTERNS OF GEOGRAPHY</u>	Honors	1 Credit
282	<u>AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PATTERNS OF GEOGRAPHY</u>	Accelerated	1 Credit
282SH	<u>SHELTERED AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PATTERNS OF GEOGRAPHY</u>	Accelerated	1 Credit

GRADE 10 SOCIAL STUDIES

UNITED STATES HISTORY

In US History, students will study domestic and world events that led to the formation of present-day American society. Beginning with westward expansion and continuing through to contemporary times, students will examine the political, economic and social aspects of the United States through the interpretation of primary resources, including maps, charts, essays, and political cartoons. Students will develop college and career readiness skills as they work collaboratively with their peers and utilize technology strategically and effectively to learn and convey ideas. (At the A.P. level, the span of study reaches back to the Age of Exploration in preparation for the national Advanced Placement examination administered in the spring.)

230	<u>ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY (APUSH)</u>	College	1 Credit
231	<u>UNITED STATES HISTORY</u>	Honors	1 Credit
232	<u>UNITED STATES HISTORY</u>	Accelerated	1 Credit
232SH	<u>SHELTERED UNITED STATES HISTORY</u>	Accelerated	1 Credit



GRADE 11 SOCIAL STUDIES

WORLD HISTORY

In World History, students will study a variety of cultural and historical developments that have impacted the world community beginning in the 1800s to the present day. Geographic areas of study will include: Western and Eastern Europe, Central and South America, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. These regions will be explored through critical analysis of primary resource materials and in collaborative discussions and debates. Through the creative utilization of technology, students will work independently and collaboratively to communicate historical thinking and complete performance assessments.

210	<u>ADVANCED PLACEMENT WORLD HISTORY/UConn ECE</u>  	College	1 Credit
Students may enroll in the class for high school credit only, or for high school and college credit at the University of Connecticut. Students who elect to register for the class at UConn may incur a small fee payable to the university. Students who meet the university's requirements at the end of the course will earn college credits.			
211	<u>WORLD HISTORY</u>	Honors	1 Credit
212	<u>WORLD HISTORY</u>	Accelerated	1 Credit
232SH	<u>SHELTERED WORLD HISTORY</u>	Accelerated	1 Credit



SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

- 220 ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY**   **College** **1 Credit**
 The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings. Students are exposed to the psychological facts and principles associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. Students also learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice. Oral presentations and research papers are required. A major objective of this course is to prepare students for the Advanced Placement examination that will be administered in the spring.
- 218 PSYCHOLOGY**   **Accelerated** **½ Credit**
 This course focuses on psychology for the individual. General psychological concepts, personality theories, and practical applications of psychology are introduced. This course focuses on finding, integrating and synthesizing information. Students will create new solutions, learn to think on their own and work cooperatively.
- 228 SOCIOLOGY**   **Accelerated** **½ Credit**
 Sociology is the study of society, culture, social groups, which include the major social institutions, and the basic process of human interaction. The chief concern of sociology is human relationships; man's behavior in relation to the interaction of groups including the family, peers, and the community. A topical format is employed. Projects and research papers are required for this class.
- 244 LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS**   **Accelerated** **½ Credit**
 An in-depth study of the development of Latin American civilizations from the pre-Columbian era to contemporary times will be studied. Geographic, political, and socioeconomic issues will be studied within the framework of a multicultural approach.
- 246 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**   **Accelerated** **½ Credit**
 Students will analyze the role of African-Americans in the history of the United States. Special emphasis is aimed at African-American achievements and contributions to the broader American culture. Students will investigate important political, economic, and social events from the African-American perspective that reflect upon our society today.
- 248 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**   **Accelerated** **½ Credit**
 Students will examine the most current newsworthy events while making historical connections (where applicable). This course offers the opportunity to observe the debate of issues by people living in the present and to observe how and why decisions are made. A high level of student interaction is required.
- 225 CIVICS**   **Standard** **½ Credit**
225SH SHELTERED CIVICS  **Standard** **½ Credit**
 In this course, students will examine the rights and responsibilities of American citizenry. Students will gain an appreciation for democratic principles and their impact on the national level. Students will investigate the subject matter through critical thinking activities, debates and guest speakers. This course is **only open to upper classmen** who have not earned the required ½ credit for American government.
- 250 ADVANCED PLACEMENT MACROECONOMICS/UConn ECE**   **College** **1 Credit**
 Students will examine the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. There will be particular emphasis pertaining to the study of national income and price-level determination; students will also develop familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. Students may enroll in the class for high school credit only, or for high school and college credit at the University of Connecticut. Students who elect to register for the class at UConn may incur a small fee payable to the university. Students who meet the university's requirements at the end of the course will earn college credits.