

***Ridge High School
Social Studies Department
Grades 10-12 Overview***



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Program Philosophy

- Develop reflective thinkers who are active citizens.
- Skill integration with emphasis on critical thinking, research, and geography skills.
- Attitude and value examination.
- Knowledge/skills which are relevant and meaningful to the students.



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Social Studies Course Sequence School Year 12-13

Required Program

Grade 9

- College Prep World History
 - OR
- Honors World History

Grade 10

- College Prep American History
 - OR
- Honors American History

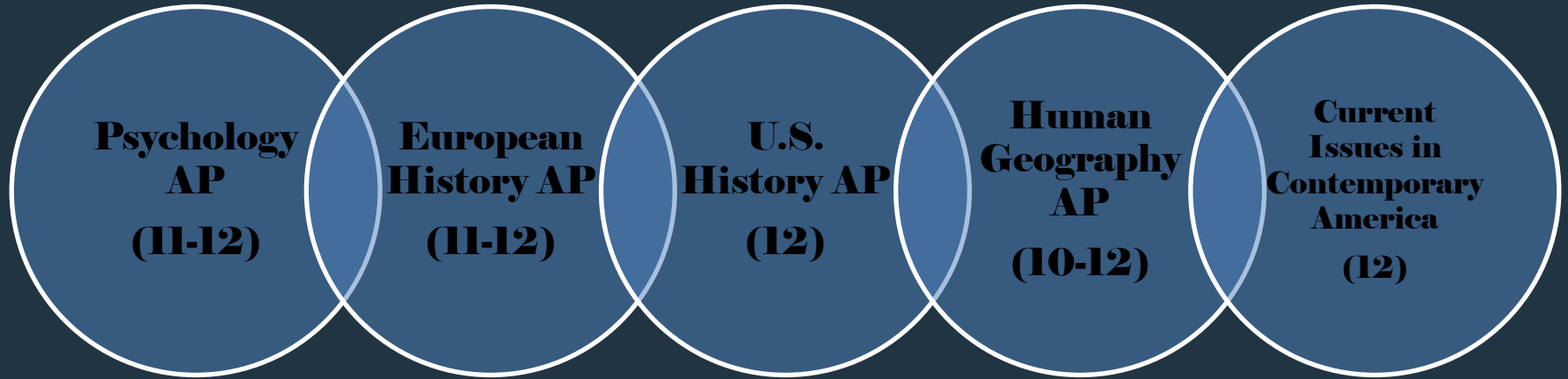
Grade 11

- College Prep History of U.S. Government/Economics
 - OR
- Honors History of U.S. Government/Economics
 - OR
- AP Macroeconomics/AP Government

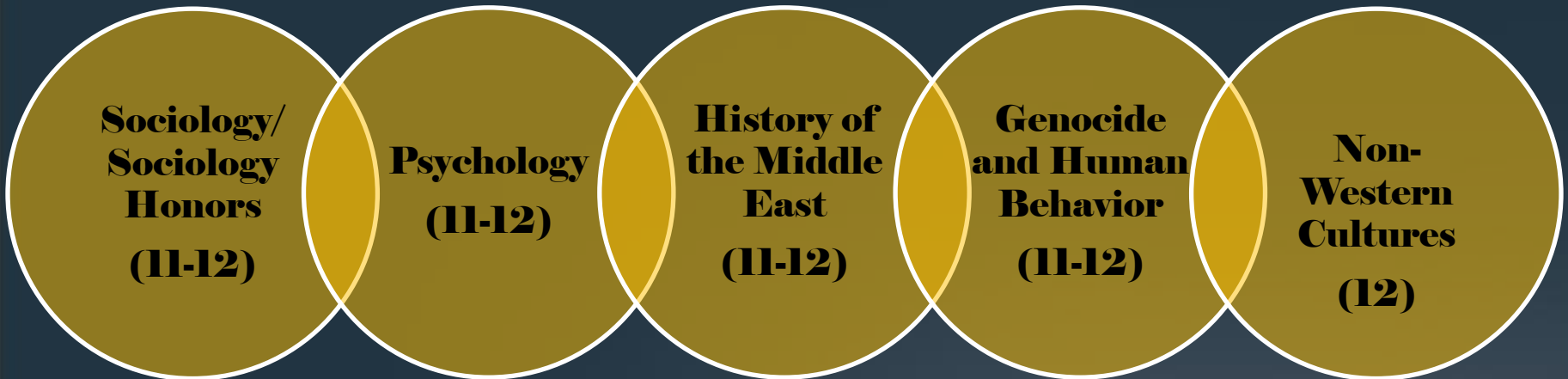


Ridge High School
Social Studies Course Sequence School Year 12-13
Elective Program

Full-Year Electives



Semester Electives





Tenth Grade Options

- College Prep American History or Honors American History
- ***Course Overview***
 - Chronologically-thematic approach
 - *Students will develop their ability to analyze the events of American history as they engage in reading, writing, discussion, debate, and research about the topics and themes identified.*
 - Examines recurrent themes throughout important eras in American history, i.e., political transformation, the impact of science and technology, economic trends and transitions, diplomacy and diversity:
 - *First semester focuses on major pre-twentieth century events and themes: revolution, nationalism, slavery, westward migration, sectionalism, and industrialization.*
 - *Second semester features events and themes central to the twentieth century: immigration, urbanization, political and social reform, economic depression, and the emergence of the United States as a world power.*



Eleventh Grade Options

- History of U.S. Government and Economics
 - College Prep
 - Honors
 - AP U.S. Political/AP Macroeconomics
- ***Course Overview***
 - History of U.S. Government and Economics examines the origins and development of the principles and practices of the political and economic systems in the United States. The relationship between our political and economic systems is highlighted. Topics examined include: the nature of government, national, state, and local government in the U.S., comparative government systems, political parties, interest groups, citizen participation, examination of fiscal and monetary policy, supply and demand, resource allocation and use, income distribution, business cycles, and the relationship between politics and the economy.



Honors vs. College Preparatory

- **Honors**

- Weighted credit
- Independent work required
- Begins to prepare student for work at the AP level
- Teacher assumes that the student has an interest in the material

College Preparatory

- No weighted credit
- Some independent work required
- Students who earned a A- or better can move to honors next year
- Teacher understands that not everyone loves history



Honors/AP Requirements

- Enrollment in Honors/AP is dependent upon student performance in ninth, tenth or eleventh grade
 - *If previously enrolled in an Honors course, must maintain a B- or better*
 - *If previously enrolled in a college prep course and wants to move onto Honors/AP, students must achieve an A- or better*
- Students will not automatically be moved into Honors from college prep, must be requested
- If a student misses the eligibility grade requirements due to extenuating circumstances, that student can file an Honors appeal
- AP students are prepared to take the AP exam



Semester Electives

- **Grades 11 and 12**

- History of the Middle East
- Genocide and Human Behavior
- Psychology
- Sociology

- **Grade 12**

- Non-Western Cultures



Full Year Electives

- **Grades 10-12**
 - AP Human Geography
- **Grades 11 and 12**
 - AP European History
 - AP Psychology
- **Grade 12**
 - AP United States History
 - Current Issues in Contemporary America



If you have questions, contact:

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