

***Ridge High School
Social Studies Department
Grade 9 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

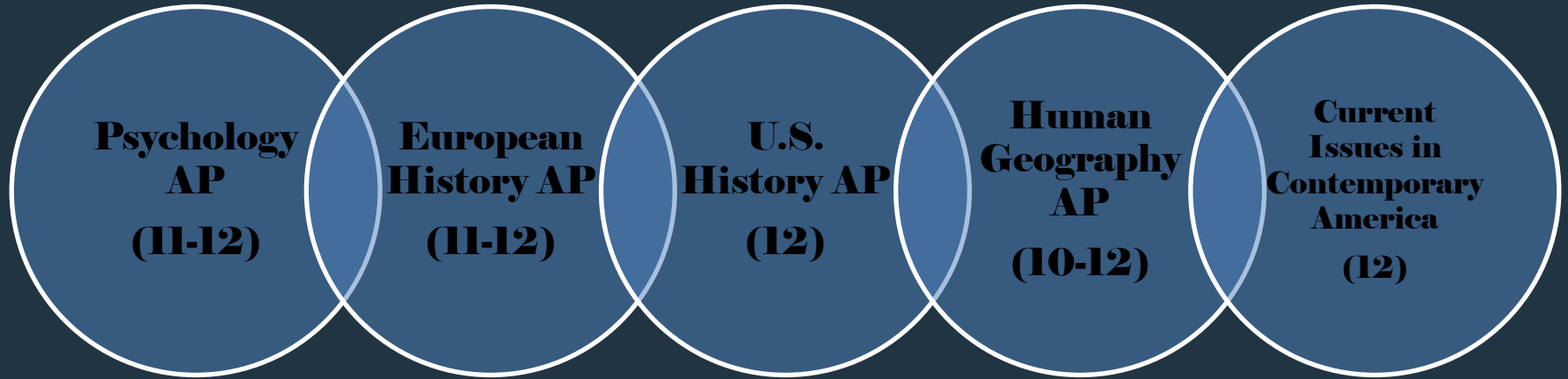


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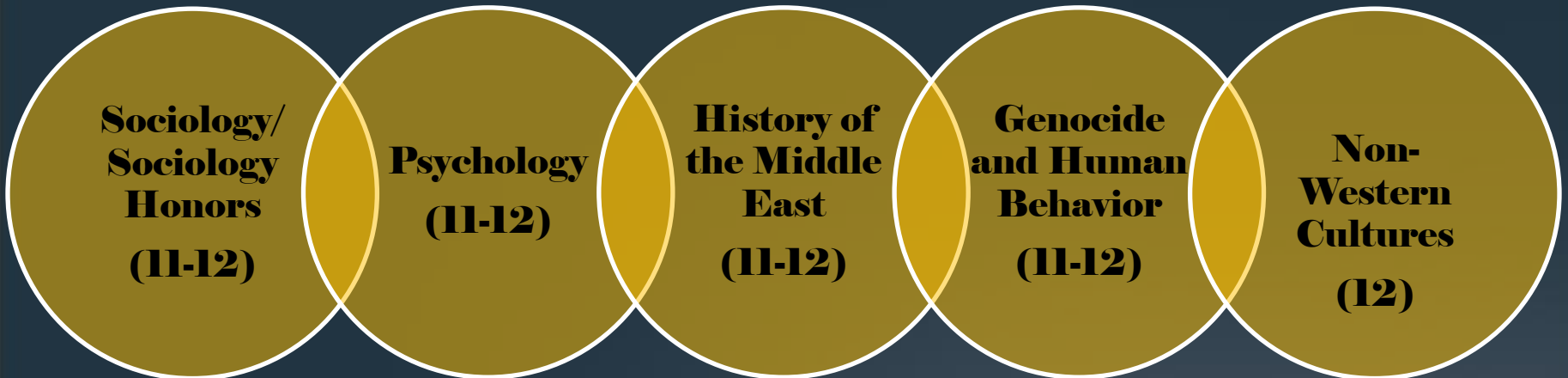
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Elective Program

Full-Year Electives



Semester Electives





9th Grade Social Studies Required Courses

- **World History**

Full Year – 5 credits

(College Preparatory)

- Survey course spanning Ancient Civilizations to present day

- **Honors World History**

Full Year – 5 Credits

(Challenging College Preparatory)

- Independent research required



Options for Grade 9

Grade 8
U.S. History

World History

World History
Honors



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



What's Right For Me?

- Do you enjoy reading and writing?
- Are you an independent thinker?
- Are you curious about history and its impact on society?
- Are you self-motivated and able to work independently?



If you have questions, contact:

- Your Current Social Studies teacher
- Your Guidance Counselor
- Social Studies Supervisor, Kristin Fox

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