

U.S. History 1 Establishment of the American Nation 1400 - 1865

Grade 10 1 semester ½ credit

This course traces the early development of the United States, beginning with the Age of Exploration through the Civil War. Students will be required to study the establishment of the thirteen colonies; the American Revolution; Constitution; War of 1812; Westward expansion, sectionalism and events leading to the Civil War.

U.S. History 2 The Union Divides, Rebuilds and Expands 1865 - 1940

Grade 11 1 semester ½ credit

This course will trace U.S. History from the termination of the Civil War to the brink of World War II. The students will review events which divided the nation; the Reconstruction of the South; the closing of the frontier, urbanization, and industrialization of the U.S.; World War I; the stock market crash; and efforts to end the depression.

U.S. History 3 Recent America, 1930-2002

Grade 11 1 semester ½ credit

This course will survey the 20th century domestic and international events of the American experience. Students will examine World Wars I and II; the Cold War, and America as a geopolitical power. Students will be introduced to a variety of social and political issues, which have shaped American life and culture during the years 1950 through the present. Students will also study current issues in today's society and America's changing international role.

Advanced Placement U. S. History

Grade 11-12 1 year 1 credit

The advanced placement program in United States History is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge to deal critically with the problems and materials in U.S. History. The course prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year university introductory courses. A prime objective of this course will be to prepare students to take the College Board Advanced Placement Exam for possible college credit or advanced placement. Students can also earn college credit with this course from Rock Valley College with placement testing and payment of tuition. Students who successfully complete this course will satisfy the 3 semester U.S. History graduation requirement. Students will, however, still be required to complete the 3 credit social studies requirement.

Introductory Law

Grade 11-12 1 semester ½ credit

This course is designed to provide students with practical information and problem-solving skills necessary for survival in our law structured society. Students will study and discuss individual rights and liberties, civil procedure and criminal law, the issue of liability and important judicial cases.

American Government

Grade 12 1 semester ½ credit

This course examines the origins and nature of the American political system and incorporates the graduation requirement for the U.S. Constitution examination. Part of the study will involve examining other systems, such as that of the former Soviet Union, as a basis of comparison with the system that exists in the United States today.

Sociology

Grade 12 1 semester ½ credit

This course is a study of the structure and workings of human society. The course covers cultures, norms, human interaction, social stratification, institutions, and social change.