

WHHS Social Studies Offerings

The Social Studies Department at Winter Haven High School offers a wide range of courses preparing students with a foundation in the following areas: history, economics, government, law, psychology and sociology.

American government is a study of the three branches and two levels of government in the United States. Students will learn the history behind the formation of our national government. They will also learn to principals the founding fathers used to establish our government. Government students will learn about the three branches of government, how officials in those branches are elected, powers of those branches, how those branches interact and how those branches serve the people. Finally, students will become familiar with their rights and responsibilities as citizens of the United States.

Economics is the study of how the wants and needs of the people in this country are satisfied with the scarce resources our country has on hand. Concepts such as supply and demand will be used to explain how our economy operates. Students will also study how the government handles the problems of inflation and unemployment using monetary and fiscal policies.

21093100 World History

Grade 10, 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

Course Length: 1 year

This course includes an understanding of the historical and geographical development of humanity from earliest times through the modern era.

21093200 World History Honors

Grades 9-10, 1 Credit

Prerequisite: For Honors Students enrolled from the 8th grade.

Course Length: 1 year

The course examines the history of mankind beginning with the dawn of history and progressing through modern times. Included will be comparative views of history and emphasis on the effects of geography on history.

21093800 Advanced Placement European History

Grades 10-12, 1 Credit

Prerequisite: B or better in world History Honors; Teacher approval

Course Length: 1 year

A chronological study of the events and trends of Europe with a focus on the political, intellectual, and social aspects of the period from 1450 A.D. to the present. This is a college level course. Using college texts. A national exam given, may earn college credit.

21003100 American History

Grade 11, 1 Credit

Prerequisite: None

Course Length: 1 year

This course examines the people and events responsible for the United States becoming a world leader and economic giant and the problems and the progress that resulted. The course begins with Post Reconstruction Period and comes up to present time with emphasis on Post-World War II to present.

21003200 American History Honors

Grade 11, 1 Credit

Prerequisite: 3.0 GPA

Course Length: 1 year

The course examines the people and events responsible for the United States becoming a world leader and economic giant and the problems and the progress that resulted. Course begins with Post Reconstruction Period and comes up to present time with emphasis on Post-world War II to present.

21003300 Advanced Placement American History**Grades 11-12, 1 Credit****Prerequisite: Teacher approval, B or above in World History Honors/ AP European History****Course Length: 1 year**

This course is designed to represent college level historical studies. Students are expected to write weekly historical essays, and interpret historical documents. Examination may earn the student up to six hours of college credit.

21073000 Psychology I**21083000 Sociology I****Grades 11-12, ½ credit each****Prerequisite: 10-12****Course Length: 18 weeks each**

This course is designed to provide an understanding of human behavioral and mental processes. Topics include conditioning, emotions, sleep and dreams, childhood, adolescent and adult behavior, stress, love and marriage, and mental illness.

21063500 Law Studies**21063800 Legal Systems****Grades 11-12****Prerequisite: None****Course Length: 1 year**

Includes information in constitutional guarantees of citizens, adult justice system, tort law, family law and renting.

21063200 American Government**Grade 12, ½ credit****Prerequisite: None****Course Length: 18 weeks**

Content to be covered should include, but not limited to, an understanding of the foundations of American government, major provisions of the Constitution, powers and duties of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, the role of state and local government, political parties, and the election process.

21063200 American Government Honors**Grade 12, ½ credit****Prerequisite: Teacher approval: 2.5 GPA, B average in Honors American History****Course Length: 18 weeks**

Major content will include an understanding of the concepts and foundations of government, the United States Constitution powers and duties of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, state and local governments, political participation and influence, and the American legal process.

21063300 Advanced Placement American Government**Grade 12, ½ credit****Prerequisite: B or better on American History Honors/ AP American History; Teacher Approval****Course Length: 18 weeks**

This course is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States Government.

21023200 Economics Honors**Grade 12, ½ credit****Prerequisite: Teacher Approval****Course Length: 18 weeks**

This course is designed to develop an in-depth economic understanding of macro-economics in the context of the American economic System.

21023700 Advanced Placement Macro-Economics**Grade 12, ½ credit****Prerequisite: B or better in American History Honors, AP American History; Teacher Approval****Course Length: 18 weeks**

This macro-economic course presents the American Economic System in college-level format and difficulty for students who are capable of meeting a demanding schedule of analytic reading and comprehension.