



Lampeter-Strasburg High School

Social Studies Department

Information for Parents

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### Required Social Studies Courses:

#### Grade 9

- Accelerated American Cultures 201SS **OR**
- American Cultures 202SS

#### Grade 10

- Accelerated World Cultures 211SS **OR**
- World Cultures 212SS

(See note on back about substituting AP European History.)

#### Grade 11

- Accelerated American Government 221SS **OR**
- American Government 222SS **OR**
- AP Government is a 2-credit option for highly academic students

Students who would like to pursue AP social studies courses or the HACC class should challenge themselves with accelerated courses in order to better prepare themselves for rigorous college-level classes.

### Required Social Studies Credits:

- All students must earn a total of 4 social studies credits to graduate.
- Three credits come from the required courses to the left.
- The fourth course can be any elective or AP / HACC course (described below and on the back).
- Many students enjoy the social studies classes and take more than the required 4 credits.

### Available Electives—Open to 11th and 12th

#### Grade Students:

- **Introduction to Law** - build on knowledge of government specific to the area of law, lots of guest speakers, mock trial
- **Psychology** - study of the individual, the brain, senses, learning styles, and more
- **Local History** - Pennsylvania and Lancaster history
- **Sociology** - study of groups and group behavior, issues in society - racism, social classes, deviance, and more
- **Comparative Religions** - exposure to a variety of world religions - build on foundational knowledge from World Cultures

### Advanced Placement (AP) / HACC Courses:

- **AP American Government and Politics** - full year course - goes deeper into American government than the regular level and accelerated Am. Gov't courses - can be used in place of Am. Gov't
- **AP European History** - full year course - examines European history from the Renaissance to the present day, this is a challenging, college-level course . This course is run based on student requests for the course and may not be offered every year. AP Euro may be used in place of Acc. World Cultures for highly academic and motivated sophomores.
- **AP Psychology** - one semester - a faster paced, more in-depth look at the study of psychology. Should be taken in place of the regular level Psychology course, not in addition to it.
- **HACC US History** - full year course - examines American history from the beginning to the present day . There is a fee required for HACC college credits. Students may earn up to 6 college credits by taking this full-year course.

### More information about AP courses:

- AP courses are college-level courses that teach a curriculum that has been approved by the College Board.
- Students can pay approx. \$94 to take the national AP examination in May
- Students earn a score of 1-5 on the test. A 3 is considered passing, but each college has their own standards for what scores they require on each individual AP exam. Students are not guaranteed college credit, but often with a score of 3, 4, or 5 may be able to earn advanced college credits.

