Select from on level or advanced course. Each course has a semester A and B. Successful completion of each semester earns students .5 credits. The full year is 1 credit.

Fundamentals and Sheltered course equivalents for Social Studies require approval.

Bolded courses = weighted credit.

Social Studies Graduation
Credits Needed = 3

Social Studies Options:
Students are not required to take four years of social studies courses. They must choose either World Geography or World History and US History, Government, and Economics. For example, if a student takes World Geography or AP Human Geography then they are not required to take World History or AP World History. Students may also choose electives below.

Dual Credit Electives:
[914] TCC Texas Government
[0970] TCC Psychology
[0980] TCC Sociology
Endorsements

Arts & Humanities

- A total of five credits in Social Studies which must include US History Studies, Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit), and either World Geography or World History

Multidisciplinary

- Four credits in the core foundation areas to include four math credits
- Must include English IV, Chemistry, and/or Physics

Graduation Requirements

- Foundation Plan = 3 Social Studies credits
- Two of the credits must be from the following:
  - US History
  - Government (.5 credit)
  - Economics (.5 credit)
- The additional credit must be selected from the following courses:
  - World Geography or AP Human Geography
  - World History or AP World History

Honors Ranking

Courses identified as Social Studies by TEA under Chapter 74 and Chapter 113 and offered by MISD are calculated into the GPA for honors ranking (starting with Class of 2023).
FUNDAMENTALS OF WORLD GEOGRAPHY
Course Number: 9300
Placement: 9-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: ARD Approval
In this course students examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. Students describe the influence of geography on events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. Students compare how components of culture shape the characteristics of regions. This course utilizes a modified curriculum for World Geography.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY
Course Number: 9000
Placement: 9-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: None
In this course students examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. Students describe the influence of geography on events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. Students compare how components of culture shape the characteristics of regions and students use problem-solving and decision-making skills to ask and answer geographic questions. NCAA approved

ADVANCED PLACEMENT HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
Course Number: 9205
Placement: 9-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: None
AP Human Geography is equivalent to a college introductory geography course. The purpose of AP Human Geography is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth’s surface. Students who participate in AP Human Geography in their 9th grade year will develop habits of mind and skills necessary for success in future Advanced Placement courses. This course fulfills the requirement for 9th grade social studies and will count as an elective for students who already have a credit in World Geography. NCAA approved

ADVANCED PLACEMENT WORLD HISTORY
Course Number: 9210
Placement: 9-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: None
AP World History is introductory college-level modern world history course. Students cultivate their understanding of world history with particular focus on 1200 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation. NCAA approved

FUNDAMENTALS OF WORLD HISTORY
Course Number: 9310
Placement: 9-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: ARD Approval
This course gives students the opportunity to trace the historical development of human cultures. It traces political, economic, and social experiences of mankind and applies them to the present for understanding and appreciating the roots, developments, and nature of American-Western civilization. The relationship of Western culture to great world problems involving international civilization will be emphasized. This course utilizes a modified curriculum for World History.

WORLD HISTORY
Course Number: 9010
Placement: 9-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: None
This course gives students the opportunity to trace the historical development of human cultures. It traces political, economic, and social experiences of mankind and applies them to the present for understanding and appreciating the roots, developments, and nature of American-Western civilization. The relationship of Western culture to great world problems involving international civilization will be emphasized. NCAA approved
ADVANCED PLACEMENT EUROPEAN HISTORY
Course Number: 9200
Placement: 11-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: None
AP European History is an accelerated elective course covering the history of Europe from 1450 (Renaissance) to the present. Emphasis is placed on preparing for the College Board AP exam by practicing higher level skills including: analysis, drawing conclusions, evaluating and assessing historical events using primary and secondary sources and writing at a collegiate level. NCAA approved

FUNDAMENTALS OF UNITED STATES HISTORY
Course Number: 9320
Placement: 11-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: ARD Approval
This course follows the history of America from 1877 to the present. Emphasis is placed on the problems experienced by an expanding American nation, the strength of her people in war and peace, the development of the United States as a world leader, and the importance of individual rights in a climate of national freedom based on government by constitutional law. These topics are presented in a skills approach to reinforce the basics of critical reading and writing. This course utilizes a modified curriculum for United States History.

UNITED STATES HISTORY
Course Number: 9050
Placement: 11-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: World History or World Geography
This course follows the history of America from 1877 to the present. Emphasis is placed on the problems experienced by an expanding American nation, the strength of her people in war and peace, the development of the United States as a world leader, and the importance of individual rights in a climate of national freedom based on government by constitutional law. These topics are presented in a skills approach to reinforce the basics of critical reading and writing. NCAA approved

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY
Course Number: 9060
Placement: 11-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: World History or AP World History or World Geography or AP Human Geography
AP U.S. History is an accelerated course for the college-bound student. This course covers the history of the United States from colonization to the present. Emphasis is placed on outside reading, essay development, and research. The course is designed to help students receive college credit for U.S. History by taking the Advanced Placement test. NCAA approved

(TCC) UNITED STATES HISTORY
Course Number: 0972
Placement: 11
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: Successful completion of 1 History class. 80+ Overall GPA & Passing score for ELAR assessment.
TCC corresponding college credit: HIST 1301/1302 – US History to/since 1876 (3 semester hours ea.) This is a regular college-level US History course in which dual credit will be awarded for college US History and high school US History. Students may receive up to 6 hours of college credit. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. This course meets the high school graduation requirement.

FUNDAMENTALS OF GOVERNMENT
Course Number: 9330
Placement: 12
Credits: ½
Prerequisite: ARD Approval
This course provides the student with an understanding of the functions of the United States, Texas, and local governments. Topics include the foundations and development of the United States governmental system; the purposes, political and economic philosophies of the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence; the structures and functions of governments at the federal, state and local levels; and responsibilities of American citizenship. This course utilizes a modified curriculum for Government.

GOVERNMENT
Course Number: 9100
Placement: 12
Credits: ½
Prerequisite: US History
This course provides the student with an understanding of the functions of the United States, Texas, and local governments. Topics include the foundations and development of the United States governmental system; the purposes, political and economic philosophies of the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence; the structures and functions of governments at the federal, state and local levels; and responsibilities of American citizenship. NCAA approved

ADVANCED PLACEMENT GOVERNMENT
Course Number: 9110
Placement: 12
Credits: ½
Prerequisite: US History or AP US History
This course is an examination of the philosophical underpinning of our constitutional system combined with historical development and current trends. The primary focus will be on the national level. Because half of the AP American Government and Politics examination requires essay responses, writing exercises will be emphasized including book reviews, critical interpretive essays, and policy papers. NCAA approved
ADVANCED PLACEMENT COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
Course Number: 9120  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: None  
This AP Comparative Government and Politics course introduces students to the rich diversity of political life outside the United States. This elective course examines the political, economic, and social challenges in six selected countries: Great Britain, Mexico, Russia, Iran, China, and Nigeria. Students will be expected to compare and contrast different government structures, policies, and the political, economic, and social challenges in these countries. 

(TCC) GOVERNMENT  
Course Number: 0911 FALL /0912 SPRING  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: 80+ overall GPA & Passing score for Reading TSI Assessment  
This is a regular college-level Political Science course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Political Science and Government. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. This course meets the high school graduation requirement.  

(TCC) TEXAS GOVERNMENT  
Course Number: 0914  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: Passing score for TSI Assessment and a C or better in ENGL 1301  
This is a regular college-level Political Science course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Texas Government. The student will receive 3 hours of college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. The emphasis of this course is on the origin and development of the Texas Constitution, structure and powers of state and local government, federalism and inter-governmental relations, political participation, the election process, public policy, and the political culture of Texas. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. 

FUNDAMENTALS OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY & ECONOMICS  
Course Number: 9360  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: ARD Approval  
This course will develop citizens who have the knowledge and skills to make sound, informed financial decisions allowing them to understand personal financial responsibility. The knowledge gained in this course has far-reaching effects for students personally as well as the economy as a whole. Students will understand the factors that have influenced the growth and development of our free enterprise system. This course utilizes a modified curriculum. 

ECONOMICS  
Course Number: 9140  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: US History  
This course is designed to familiarize the student with the factors that have influenced the growth and development of the free enterprise system. Emphasis is placed on topics such as unemployment, inflation, international trade, the interaction of business and labor and the effects of government spending and taxes. NCAA approved. 

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY & ECONOMICS  
Course Number: 9160  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: US History  
This course will develop citizens who have the knowledge and skills to make sound, informed financial decisions allowing them to understand personal financial responsibility. The knowledge gained in this course has far-reaching effects for students personally as well as the economy as a whole. Students will understand the factors that have influenced the growth and development of our free enterprise system. 

ADVANCED PLACEMENT MACROECONOMICS  
Course Number: 9150  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: US History or AP US History  
This AP course in macroeconomics is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole while placing particular emphasis on the study of national income and price determination, and develop students’ familiarity with economic performance measures, economic growth, and international economics. NCAA approved. 

ADVANCED PLACEMENT MICROECONOMICS  
Course Number: 9151  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: US History or AP US History  
This AP course in microeconomics is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics as they apply to individuals, household, and firms within the overall economic system. It places particular emphasis on the study of markets and market structures and seeks to develop students’ familiarity with the theory of the firm, resource markets, market efficiency, and inequity, government regulation of markets. NCAA approved.
ECON 2302 – Principles of Microeconomics (3 semester hours)  
TCC corresponding college credit:  
Prerequisite:  ECON 2301; 80+ Overall GPA & Passing Score on ELAR Assessment (MISD requirement only)  
TCC corresponding college credit:  
ECON 2302 – Principles of Microeconomics (3 semester hours) This is a regular college-level Economics course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Economics and high school Economics with an emphasis of the behavior of individual economic agents. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY  
Course Number: 9190  
Placement: 10-12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: None  
Personal Financial Literacy will develop citizens who have the knowledge and skills to make sound, informed financial decisions that will allow them to lead financially secure lifestyles and understand personal financial responsibility. Students will apply critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to analyze decisions involving earning and spending, saving and investing, credit and borrowing, insuring and protecting, and college and post-secondary education and training.

PSYCHOLOGY  
Course Number: 9170  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: None  
This course introduces the various fields of psychology. Human Growth, development, and behavior are studied in order to understand personality theories and disorders. Other topics include abnormal psychology, group behavior, human interaction, therapy, and altered states of consciousness such as hypnosis, hallucinations, sleep and dreams. NCAA approved

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY  
Course Number: 9173  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: 1  
Prerequisite: None  
This is a college level course that incorporates an understanding of psychology, the scientific study of human behavior and the mental process. Topics that will be introduced will include memory and thought, body and behavior, sleep and dreams, motivation and emotion, personality and individuality, life span, stress and health, human relationships, psychological research, careers and statistics in psychology and therapy. NCAA approved

(TCC) MICROECONOMICS  
Course Number: 0918  
Placement: 12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite:  ECON 2301; 80+ Overall GPA & Passing Score on ELAR Assessment (MISD requirement only)  
TCC corresponding college credit:  
ECON 2302 – Principles of Microeconomics (3 semester hours) This is a regular college-level Economics course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Economics and high school Economics with an emphasis of the behavior of individual economic agents. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus.

(TCC) PSYCHOLOGY  
Course Number: 0970  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: 80+ overall GPA & Passing Score on ELAR assessment  
TCC corresponding college credit:  
PSYC 2301 – Introduction to Psychology (3 semester hours). This is a regular college-level Psychology course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Psychology and high school Psychology. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. Students electing to take TCC Psychology may not take AP Psychology as these are both college level psychology courses.

SOCIOLOGY  
Course Number: 9180  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: None  
This course introduces various fields of sociology. Culture, ethnic and racial groups, gender differences and group dynamics are studied in order to understand socialization. Other topics include crime and deviance, nature versus nurture, and teen problems such as drug and alcohol abuse and other social problems. NCAA approved

(TCC) SOCIOLOGY  
Course Number: 0980  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: 80+ overall GPA & TSI Assessment  
TCC corresponding college credit:  
SOCI 1301 – Introduction to Sociology (3 semester hours)  
This is a regular college-level Sociology course in which dual credit will be awarded for college Sociology and high school Sociology. The student will receive 3 hours college credit and ½ high school credit when completed successfully. Students will attend TCC classes on their home campus. The ELAR assessment must be passed before students will be allowed to enroll in TCC classes.

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL STUDIES: WOMEN IN AMERICAN STUDIES  
Course Number: 9185  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: ½  
Prerequisite: None  
What role did women play in key events in American history? What were women’s lives like before the arrival of European settlers, during the colonial period, during the 19th century? How are women portrayed in the media? In this course, students enhance their knowledge of women’s roles throughout American history and explore how primary sources reveal and conceal women’s history. NCAA approved

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL STUDIES: AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES  
Course Number: 9186  
Placement: 11-12  
Credits: ½  
This elective course provides an opportunity for students to learn about the history and cultural contributions of African Americans. The historical background, customs, art, drama, music, folklore, and other contributions of African Americans to the American way of life are explored. NCAA approved
SPECIAL TOPICS IN SS: HEBREW SCRIPTURES (Old Testament) AND NEW TESTAMENT
Course Number 9187
Placement 11-12
Credits: ½
Prerequisite: World History
This elective course focuses on the content, history, literary style, and structure of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament. Students will use primary and secondary source materials, technology, and critical thinking skills.

SPECIAL TOPICS IN SS: MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
Course Number 9188
Placement 11-12
Credits: ½
Prerequisite: None
This elective course provides an opportunity for students to learn about the history and cultural contributions of Mexican Americans. The historical background, customs, art, drama, music, folklore, and other contributions of Mexican Americans to the American way of life explored. NCAA approved

ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM
Course Number(s): 2340
Placement: 10-12
Credits: 1
Prerequisite: Student Application
Students will participate on the competitive Academic Decathlon team. First year students are awarded credit in Special Topics in Advanced Studies. Second year students are awarded .5 credit in Special Topics in Social Studies. This course may not be used to fulfill any of the English requirements for graduation.