Social Studies Course Choices

Social Studies Required Courses

Freshman Year: World Geography (year-long; two options):

- Grade-Level World Geography 4513.R000.Y
- PreAP World Geography* 4513.H000.Y

Sophomore Year: World History (year-long; two options):

- Grade-Level World History 4623.R000.Y
- AP World History*, ** 4623.P000.Y

Junior Year: United States History (year-long; three options):

- Grade-Level US History 4733.R000.Y
- AP US History*, ** 4733.P000.Y
- Dual Credit US History*, *** 4733.N000.Y

Senior Year: One semester EACH of Government and Economics

Government (one semester, three options):

- Grade-Level Government 4841.R000.X
- AP Government*, ** 4841.P000.X
- Dual Credit Government*, *** 4841.N000.X

Economics (one semester, two options):

- Grade-Level Economics 4939.R000.X
- AP Economics*, ** 4946.P000.X

Social Studies Elective Courses

- **African American Studies** 4932.R100.X (grade level, may take for one or two semesters)
- **American Experience Through Music and Film** (may take for one or two semesters)
    - Honors American Experience Through Music and Film 4932.H000.X * (weighted)
- **AP European History*, **** 4635.P000.Y (year-long; weighted)
- **AP Psychology*, **** 4938.P000.X AND 4942.H000.X (year-long, weighted)
- **Asian Studies** 4932.R400.X (one semester, grade level)
- **Contemporary Issues*** 4932.H200.X (one semester, weighted)
- **Ethnic Studies*** (one or two semesters, honors-level)
- **Latin American Studies** 4932.R300.X (grade level; weighted)
- **Model United Nations*** 4942.H000.Y (year-long; weighted)
- **Psychology** 4938.R000.X (grade level, one semester)
- **Sociology** 4931.R000.X (grade level, one semester)
- **Street Law** 4932.R500.X (grade level, one semester)

*Courses weighted out of a 5.0 rather than a 4.0.

**Courses that MAY possibly lead to college credit in addition to high school credit (if they pass the AP Exam).

***Courses that automatically award both college and high school credit.

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR US HISTORY CLASS FOR JUNIOR YEAR

BEST ADVICE: Talk with your current World History and English teachers about which class might be a "best fit" for you!

	US History	UT On Ramps US History	ACC Dual Credit US History	AP US History
Content?	History from 1877-present	History from 1491-2020		
Academy?	Open to Students in Every Academy			
Weighted?	No (4.0 scale)	Yes (5.0 scale)		
Homework?	Minimal	Assigned readings; collaborative groupwork; journal entries; independent work		
Grades	● Semester grade is based on class assignments, quizzes, class discussions, tests, projects, and a final exam. ● Work is completed in class. Homework is only necessary when students do not complete work during class time or to study for tests.	● High school grade is based on in-class assignments, quizzes, and exams combined with college assignments. ● College grade is based on midterm & final exam, quizzes, and a research paper. ● High School and College grades may be **different**.	● Semester grade is based on 4-5 exams and a written assignment. ● High school and college grades will be the **same**.	● Semester grade is based on essays, projects, assignments, class discussions, quizzes, AP exam practice, and a final exam.
High School and/or College Credit?	● High School Credit Only	● High School Credit PLUS College Credit with a passing grade for the college course (credit on a UT transcript). ● Students can earn up to 6 hours of college credit. ● OnRamps credit **automatically** accepted at UT and accepted at most in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities. ● Students should check with prospective colleges and universities for their credit transfer/acceptance policies.	● High School Credit PLUS College Credit with a passing grade for the college course (credit on an ACC transcript). ● Students can earn up to 6 hours of college credit ● ACC credit **automatically** accepted at all public in-state colleges and universities and can be accepted at most private in-state and most out-of-state colleges and universities. ● Students should check with prospective colleges and	● High School Credit PLUS College Credit with qualifying score on an AP exam taken in May. College credit awarded will vary by college/university policy. Any awarded credit will be added to the receiving university transcript. ● Students can earn 3 to 6 hours of college credit. ● Students should check with prospective colleges and universities for their credit transfer/acceptance policies.

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	US History	**UT On Ramps US History**	**ACC Dual Credit US History**	**AP US History**
Student Profile for Each Course	Student: ● works best with much more teacher support, especially with reading and writing complex texts, such as primary and secondary sources. ● is committed to many things outside of school and may have limited time to complete work outside of class. ● prefers no homework. ● needs more support developing skills for future college classes.	Student: ● is self-motivated and directed but works well with teacher support within a collaborative cohort. ● is interested in improving reading, researching and writing skills. ● enjoys "team-based" collaborative work with shared responsibility for success. ● is willing to read primary and secondary sources outside of class to prepare for Socratic discussions and small-group activities ● is self-disciplined with adequate time to complete work outside of class. ● is comfortable with online content.	Student: ● is self-directed and doesn't require monitoring by a parent to stay on track. ● enjoys lecture-based instruction. ● is self-disciplined and has time to complete as much work outside of class as inside of class. ● can complete a written essay independently and doesn't require step-by-step instructions. ● can keep track of grades and class progress without weekly updates to online gradebook. ● *NOTE: Students may need to purchase a textbook.*	Student: ● is self-motivated and directed but works well with teacher support. ● likes Socratic discussions about history. ● is interested in rhetoric, argument, and composition and wants to improve reading and writing skills. ● is interested in self-directed research and reading as well as working collaboratively in small groups with peers. ● is willing to devote significant time outside of class for coursework. ● is working toward college credit by taking the AP Exam in May.
NOTES	● ***All students must earn US History credit to graduate.*** ● If you level down from an advanced class, you WILL be required to make-up missing content. ● ACC Dual Credit ONLY: Students must show college readiness and apply to ACC to enroll. College readiness may be demonstrated with high scores on PSAT, SAT, ACT, or STAAR tests. College readiness may also be demonstrated by passing the TSI test, which is provided free of charge on the Austin High campus. Please see the **Austin High College and Career Center** next to the library for more information. ● Students selecting weighted classes are required to sign an **Honors Contract** that requires students to stay in the advanced course for the semester and commit themselves to seeking help and support such as tutoring, conferences with teacher and parent to develop an intervention plan, and follow-through on the plan.			