

Western Civilization (411)**Grade 9****CPI**

First year students examine the key elements of a civilization and apply these principles as they trace Western Civilizations from prehistory to the Napoleonic Wars. Areas of study will center around the Mediterranean World, The Middle Ages, The Origin of European Nations and the Rise of Nation-States, The Renaissance, Reformation and the Enlightenment.

Honors Western Civ. (413)**Grade 9****Honors**

Student selection based upon high school placement test.

Honors U.S. History I (423)**Grade 10****Honors****Prerequisite: Department approval**

Sophomore year students who have displayed motivation and strong academic abilities in Western Civilization (411 or 412) will be asked to examine the same issues listed in U.S. History I (422) through primary sources. Emphasis will be placed in developing upper level critical thinking, research and presentation skills.

U.S. History I (422)**Grade 10****CPI**

Students will study the history of the United States from the age of European exploration through the post-Civil War Reconstruction period. Key areas of study will focus on European Interaction and Conquest, Colonialism, The American Revolution, African American Culture, The Constitution, The Development of Party Politics and the Struggles of a developing, but divided nation. Major projects are assigned for each quarter.

Advanced Placement U.S. History (433) Grade 11**AP****Prerequisite: Department approval**

Juniors who have performed at a high level during their sophomore year will examine the same issues as listed in U.S. History (423) as well as review those topics covered in U.S. History I. Primary sources will be used as well as American Literature and works by modern day American supports and iconoclasts. Skills in a higher order of thinking and research will be developed in order to prepare the student for the A.P. test given in the spring. **All STUDENTS TAKING THIS COURSE WILL TAKE THE A.P. EXAM.**

Honors U.S. History II (435)**Grade 11****Honors****Prerequisite: Department approval**

Students in the junior class will cover a variety of themes in United States History beginning with a review of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Other areas of study include industrialization, immigration, the Gilded Age, progressivism, WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, the Cold War, the 1960's, and the modern era.

U.S. History II (432)**Grade 11****CPI**

Students in the junior class will continue their study of the history of the United States beginning with the Age of Imperialism and ending with current issues and events in the modern American saga. Topics covered: World War I, The Great Depression, World War II, The Cold War Era, The Sixties and other current issues.

Law (440)**Grade 12****CPI**

Students who have selected this course will be introduced to a comprehensive survey of the issues in our government and legal system that affect all citizens. Everyday legal activities and legal principles and applications are presented in order to develop a fuller understanding of citizenship.

Psychology (441)**Grade 12****CPI**

This full year course, open primarily to seniors, will give students a survey of the issues that effect human behavior. This course will introduce basic psychological terms, theories and present the leaders in psychological thought. Topics covered will include mental health, personality, biology and individual perception.

Introduction to Criminal Justice (442) Grades 11 & 12 CPI

This is an elective course that is designed as a broad survey of criminal justice, the criminal justice system, criminal law, and criminology theory. The course is appropriate for both criminal justice majors and for non-majors, since it is interdisciplinary and draws from the field of law enforcement, the legal profession, and social sciences, primarily sociology, and abnormal psychology. The course also focuses on the portrayal of the criminal justice system by the media and how the media shapes opinion of the system. **THIS IS A DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE.**

AP Government & Politics (445)**Grade 12****AP****Prerequisite: Department approval**

United States course provides an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. political reality. While there is no single approach that an AP Government & Politics: United States course must follow, certain topics are generally covered in college courses. **All STUDENTS TAKING THIS COURSE WILL TAKE THE A.P. EXAM.**

History via Film Studies**Grade 12****CP I**

This one-semester course (2 marking terms) has been created to offer students a review of all historical material covered in prior classes here at St. Mary's. Films will be viewed that cover Ancient History (Humanities based), European History, Asian History, and American History. The films will be as historically accurate as possible without resorting to documentaries. Students will be required to view films, critique them for accuracy, and engage in active discourse regarding the historical content.

Terrorism in the 20th and 21st Centuries Grade 12 CP I

This course will examine the history of non-state sanctioned terrorism in the 20th and 21st centuries. Students will study the major terrorist movements, their motivation and political ideology, nationalism, religion, the groups or peoples associated with them, and the tactics they have utilized. This is a one semester (2 marking terms) course