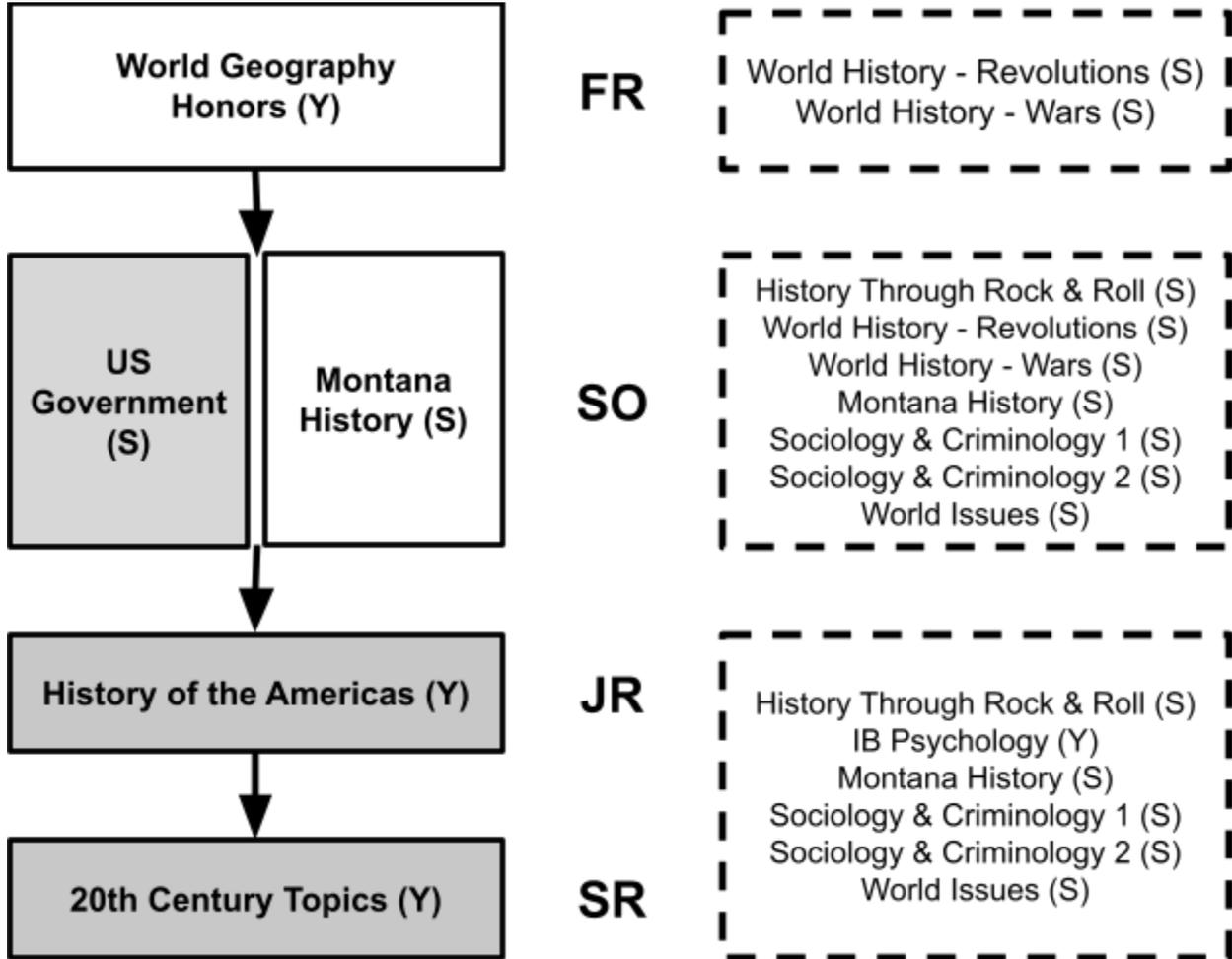


## Big Sky High School Social Studies

**Recommend Course of Study**  
(Required courses are shaded)

**Electives**  
(Sorted by Year)



## *Social Studies Course Progression Recommendations*

<b>Freshmen</b>	Honors World Geography or World History Revolutions/Wars (Highly Recommended)
<b>Sophomore</b>	Government (One Semester Required) + Montana History or other elective (One Semester strongly recommended)
<b>Junior</b>	History of the Americas (One Year Required)
<b>Senior</b>	20th Century Topics (One Year Required)

## *Social Studies Class Offerings for classes of 2026*

### Required Social Studies Classes [Choose ONE of TWO]

Class Title and Description	Course Length	Available to Grades
<p><b>Government</b></p> <p>An overview of the branches of government for local, state and federal governments. Trace enduring government concepts through the words of the U.S. Constitution.</p>	Year	12
<p><b>IB 20th Century Topics</b></p> <p>This course discusses the Move to Global War (Germany, Japan and Italy before World War II), the rise of Authoritarian states and the Cold War. It also fulfills the MCPS requirement for government. Students may choose to take the IB exam for college credit. The University of Montana and Montana State University give 4 credits for passing this exam.</p>	Year	12

### Social Studies Classes (Global Studies Highly Recommended)

Class Title and Description	Course Length	Available to Grades
<p><b>World Issues Seminar</b>            This course examines the complex topics facing the modern world. Students have an opportunity to ask questions, engage in debate, and dive deeper into contemporary problems.</p>	Sem.	10-12

### Elective Social Studies Classes

Class Title and Description	Course Length	Available to Grades
<p><b>Social Criminology</b>            This course is designed to introduce the study of sociology and become familiar with many concepts of sociology. We also study in depth the criminal justice system with many guest speakers and experts in that field.</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>Social Criminology 2</b>            This course is designed to be a continuation of the Sociology/Criminology course. We will delve further into sociology with topics of Social Control and deviance, social stratification and inequality, along with gender, age, health and ethnic relations. Criminology will be an in depth look at the criminal justice system with guest speakers and case studies to further examine the outcomes and the effects of the system from a broad perspective.</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>Montana History</b>            This course explores Montana history from the earliest human settlers through the modern day and includes topics such as Montana before European contact, the timber and mining eras and modern Montana</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>History of Rock and Roll</b>            We will use Rock &amp; Roll to explore history from 1900 to present. We will listen to and analyze music while examining trends in regional growth, socio-economic differences, race relations, and technological advances.</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>IB Psychology SL</b>            Psychology is the study of the mind, mental processes and behavior. This course is designed to introduce students to three different approaches to understanding human behavior: biological, cognitive and sociocultural.</p>	Year	11-12
<p><b>World Issues Seminar</b>            This course examines the complex topics facing the modern world. Students have an opportunity to ask questions, engage in debate, and dive deeper into contemporary problems.</p>	Sem.	10-12

# *Social Studies Class Offerings for classes of 2027*

## **Required Social Studies Classes**

<b>Class Title and Description</b>	<b>Course Length</b>	<b>Available to Grades</b>
<b>IB History of the Americas</b> HOTA fulfills the MCPS requirement for Junior level U.S. History and also serves as the first part of a two year study of American History and 20th century World History.	Year	11

## **Social Studies Classes (Global Studies Full Year Highly Recommended)**

<b>Class Title and Description</b>	<b>Course Length</b>	<b>Available to Grades</b>
<b>World Issues Seminar</b> This course examines the complex topics facing the modern world. Students have an opportunity to ask questions, engage in debate, and dive deeper into contemporary problems.	Sem.	10-12

## **Elective Social Studies Classes**

<b>Class Title and Description</b>	<b>Course Length</b>	<b>Available to Grades</b>
<b>Social Criminology</b> This course is designed to introduce the study of sociology and become familiar with many concepts of sociology. We also study in depth the criminal justice system with many guest speakers and experts in that field.	Sem.	10-12
<b>Social Criminology 2</b> This course is designed to be a continuation of the Sociology/Criminology course. We will delve further into sociology with topics of Social Control and deviance, social stratification and inequality, along with gender, age, health and ethnic relations. Criminology will be an in depth look at the criminal justice system with guest speakers and case studies to further examine the outcomes and the effects of the system from a broad perspective.	Sem.	10-12

<p><b>Montana History</b> This course explores Montana history from the earliest human settlers through the modern day and includes topics such as Montana before European contact, the timber and mining eras and modern Montana</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>History of Rock and Roll</b> We will use Rock &amp; Roll to explore history from 1900 to present. We will listen to and analyze music while examining trends in regional growth, socio-economic differences, race relations, and technological advances.</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>IB Psychology SL</b> Psychology is the study of the mind, mental processes and behavior. This course is designed to introduce students to three different approaches to understanding human behavior: biological, cognitive and sociocultural.</p>	Year	11-12
<p><b>World Issues Seminar</b> This course examines the complex topics facing the modern world. Students have an opportunity to ask questions, engage in debate, and dive deeper into contemporary problems.</p>	Sem.	10-12

# Social Studies Class Offerings for classes of 2028

## Required Social Studies Classes

Class Title and Description	Course Length	Available to Grades
<p><b>Government (Class of 2027)</b></p> <p>An overview of the branches of government for local, state and federal governments. Trace enduring government concepts through the words of the U.S. Constitution.</p>	Sem.	10

## Social Studies Classes (Global Studies Full Year Highly Recommended)

Class Title and Description	Course Length	Available to Grades
<p><b>Honors World Geography</b></p> <p>This course is designed to explore all aspects of geography, including physical and cultural geography.</p>	Year	9-10
<p><b>Modern World History- Revolutions</b></p> <p>This course explores the major events of the modern era including the Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, and French Revolution.</p>	Sem. 1	9-10
<p><b>Modern World History- Wars</b></p> <p>This course explores major events of the 21st century including World War I, World War II, and the Cold War.</p>	Sem. 2	9-10
<p><b>World Issues Seminar</b></p> <p>This course examines the complex topics facing the modern world. Students have an opportunity to ask questions, engage in debate, and dive deeper into contemporary problems.</p>	Sem.	10-12

## Elective Social Studies Classes

Class Title and Description	Course Length	Available to Grades
<p><b>Social Criminology</b></p> <p>This course is designed to introduce the study of sociology and become familiar with many concepts of sociology. We also study in depth the criminal justice system with many guest speakers and experts in that field.</p>	Sem.	10-12

<p><b>Social Criminology 2</b>  This course is designed to be a continuation of the Sociology/Criminology course. We will delve further into sociology with topics of Social Control and deviance, social stratification and inequality, along with gender, age, health and ethnic relations. Criminology will be an in depth look at the criminal justice system with guest speakers and case studies to further examine the outcomes and the effects of system from a broad perspective.</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>Montana History</b>  This course explores Montana history from the earliest human settlers through the modern day and includes topics such as Montana before European contact, the timber and mining eras and modern Montana</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>History of Rock and Roll</b>  We will use Rock &amp; Roll to explore history from 1900 to present. We will listen to and analyze music while examining trends in regional growth, socio-economic differences, race relations, and technological advances.</p>	Sem.	10-12
<p><b>IB Psychology SL</b>  Psychology is the study of the mind, mental processes and behavior. This course is designed to introduce students to three different approaches to understanding human behavior: biological, cognitive and sociocultural. There is an option to take the IB test at the end of the year to earn college credit.</p>	Year	11-12
<p><b>World Issues Seminar</b>  This course examines the complex topics facing the modern world. Students have an opportunity to ask questions, engage in debate, and dive deeper into contemporary problems.</p>	Sem.	10-12

# Social Studies Class Offerings for classes of 2029

## Social Studies Classes (Global Studies Full Year Highly Recommended)

Class Title and Description	Course Length	Available to Grades
<b>Honors World Geography</b> This course is designed to explore all aspects of geography, including physical and cultural geography.	Year	9-11
<b>Modern World History- Revolutions</b> This course explores the major events of the modern era including the Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, and French Revolution.	Sem. 1	9-11
<b>Modern World History- Wars</b> This course explores major events of the 21st century including World War I, World War II, and the Cold War.	Sem. 2	9-11