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## **U.S. History, CP**

**Grade Level: 10**

**Credit: 1 unit**

**The U.S. History course provides a comprehensive, semester-long survey of American history from early colonization to the 21st century, focusing on key political, social, economic, and cultural developments. It is a required graduation course that prepares students to understand the nation's past, evaluate its present, and think critically using primary and secondary sources. Emphasis will be placed on developing research skills, retention of large amounts of information, and developing analytical skills in an approach to historic events. Requirements for the course include a book review, term paper, class project, essay writing, and keeping a history notebook and preparation for the End of Course Assessment (EOC).**

## **U.S. History, Honors**

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**The U.S. History Honors course is a fast-paced, rigorous high school survey covering pre-colonial times to the present, focusing on deep analytical thinking rather than just memorization. It emphasizes critical analysis of primary sources, research, and understanding major political, social, and economic developments in American history.**

### **Key Aspects and Curriculum**

- **Chronological and Thematic Approach:** The course covers major eras, including the American Revolution, Civil War, Industrialization, World Wars, the Cold War, and the Civil Rights movement.
- **Skill Development:** Students develop advanced skills in constructing historical arguments, analyzing conflicting interpretations, and evaluating primary and secondary sources.
- **In-Depth Study:** Honors courses require more in-depth exploration of topics compared to standard courses, often including more independent reading and research projects.
- **Themes:** Key themes often include the changing role of government, the evolution of American identity, and the struggles of minorities and women.

## **Personal Finance and Economics CP**

**Grade Level: 11**

**Credit: 1 unit**

**This course will examine the basic structure and operation of the American economic system. This required course is designed to deepen an understanding of the American economic system and fundamental economic principles. Emphasis is also placed on the economic institutions in the United States, the international marketplace, and comparative economic systems. Content covers the economic systems of the world with an emphasis on capitalism.**

## **Personal Finance and Economics Honors**

**Grade Level: 11**

**Credit: 1 unit**

**Personal Finance and Economics Honors is a rigorous, semester course designed for 11th graders that blends foundational economic theory with practical financial literacy. It covers budgeting, investing, credit, taxes, and insurance, with honors-level focus on advanced analysis, independent research, and complex economic data interpretation.**

### **Key Components and Topics**

- **Economics:** Covers supply and demand, market structures, government roles in the economy, and global economic interdependence.
- **Personal Finance:** Focuses on money management, including budgeting, building credit, managing debt, insurance, and long-term investing.
- **Career & Life Skills:** Includes financial planning, understanding tax forms, and exploring the cost of post-secondary education.
- **Honors Distinction:** Requires deeper analysis of economic data, critical thinking on financial scenarios, and, in some cases, a mandatory, weighted final project or exam

## **AP Macroeconomics Overview**

**In AP Macroeconomics, students explore how entire economies function and how government policies shape economic outcomes. The course examines key topics such as economic growth, unemployment, inflation, national income, fiscal and monetary policy, and international trade. Through economic models and real-world data, students learn to analyze policy decisions and global economic trends while preparing for the AP Macroeconomics Exam.**

## **American Government/Civics CP**

**Grade Level: 12**

**Credit: 1 unit**

**The American Government course provides a comprehensive study of the U.S. political system, covering its philosophical foundations, the Constitution, and the structure of federal, state, and local governments. Students analyze the three branches of government, civil liberties, the electoral process, and the responsibilities of citizenship. The student will gain a general background of government in which political behavior, principles of democracy, constitutional law, and structure of national and state governments will be highlighted. Requirements include notebooks, worksheets, essay writings, enrichment activities, and oral presentations. Instructional activities include readings, discussion, guest speakers, and audio-visual presentations.**