Course Description

Course Name: AP United States History

Course Number: SOC 6200

Brief Course Overview: : The AP U.S. History course is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and enduring understanding necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. Questions that will guide learning throughout the year include: How have ideas about American national identity developed and changed over time? How was the American political system and government formed and developed? How have patterns of exchange, labor systems, and markets influenced the U.S. economy? How do religion, the arts and sciences, and group identity shape U.S. culture and society? How do immigration and migration impact American life? How did geography and the environment affect the development of the U.S.? How is the U.S. influential in and influenced by world affairs?

The AP U.S. History is designed to prepare students for the AP exam that takes place in May. The test assesses students ability to assess sources for purpose, intended audience, point of view, and context, essay writing skills, and content knowledge.

Please note there is a fee associated with each AP course to cover the cost of the external examination.

Main Topics of Study:

- American and National Identity
- Work, Exchange, and Technology
- Migration and Settlement
- Politics and Power
- America in the World
- Geography and the Environment
- Culture and Society

What are the Enduring Understandings of the course?

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- conduct research and present information through a variety of projects and essays

- analyze primary and secondary sources for purpose, point of view, context, and intended audience
- explain the origins and development of American identity, economics, culture, diplomacy, politics, and social dynamics and apply this knowledge to contemporary America

Prerequisites: Students must be in 11th grade. Strong reading comprehension and writing skills (above ESOL 3) are required for this course. Furthermore all students must have obtained the prior social science teacher's recommendation and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- have earned a B or better in the prior accelerated level social science course and passed the externally-assessed exam
- have earned an A- or better in the prior honors level social science course

Course Length: Year
Meets NBPS Graduation Requirement? Yes
Included in Bright Futures GPA calculation? Yes
Included in NBPS GPA? Yes
NCAA Core Class? Yes
State University Core Class? Yes
Students Must Sit for Exam
Student Must Pay for Exam