



# BHS COURSE COMPARISON GUIDE

## WORLD STUDIES & HONORS WORLD STUDIES

### Social Studies

#### Course Descriptions

##### World Studies

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##### World Studies students who traditionally perform well in the class...

- ◆ commit 20-30 minutes per night (typically, not always) reading, taking notes and reviewing content for the next day
- ◆ come to class prepared to participate in class discussion with teacher guidance
- ◆ take an active part in the learning process and benefit from the increased flexibility with the pace (pick up / slow down as needed)
- ◆ occasionally need teacher assistance to initiate group discussions in class

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##### H. World Studies students are also committed to...

- ◆ understanding the course requires them to work at a faster pace and learn the material in greater depth
- ◆ accepting a greater expectation to seek out additional help outside of class when needed without teacher prompting
- ◆ focusing more intently to synthesize complex ideas and concepts about causation and the overall historical process
- ◆ more in-depth writing assignments with room for creativity and historical analysis and higher order thinking
- ◆ taking an active part of leading the class discussion and activities within the classroom setting and experience

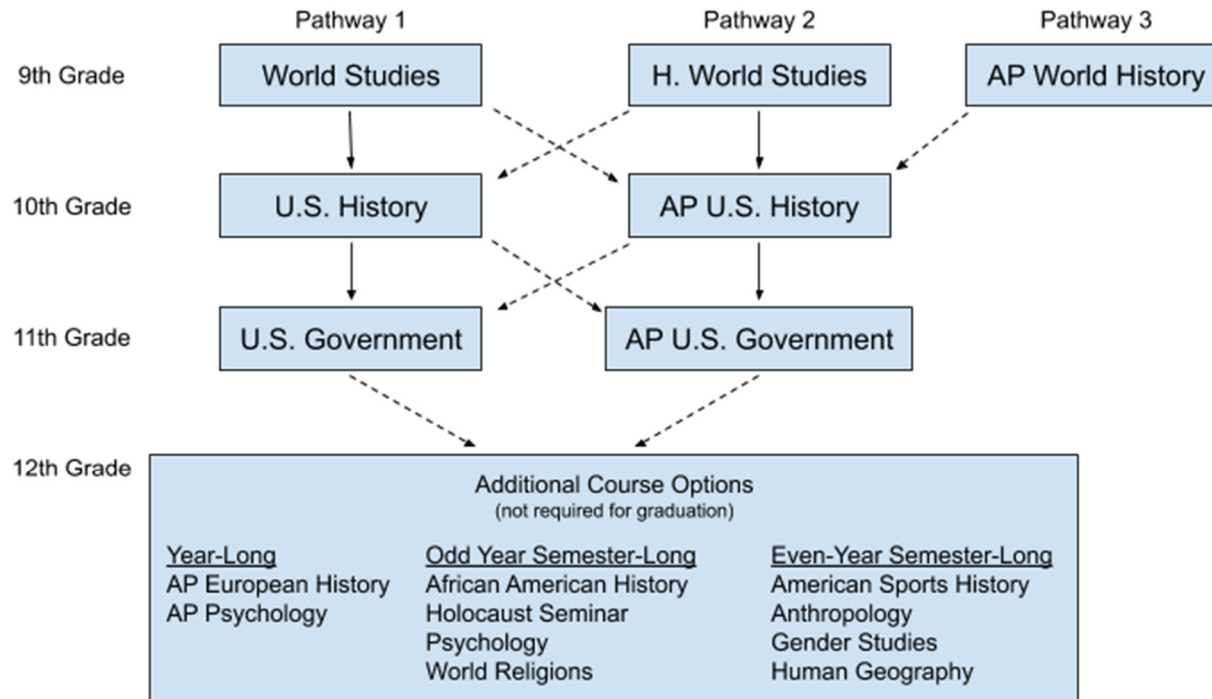
#### From a student's perspective...

*I feel that I could have taken honors if I wanted to because I was recommended for it and I did well in world studies (social studies) both years in middle school. But I'm glad I took regular (this year) because I can relax a little bit more and it's not as stressful as some of my other classes. - Bexley Student (freshmen)*

# SOCIAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS & COURSE PROGRESSION

## Social Studies Requirements for Graduation

Three credits of social studies are required for graduation. The credits must include one credit each of World Studies (for ninth graders), U.S. History (for tenth graders), and Government (for eleventh graders). Beyond required courses, students may take elective social studies courses that are either full-year or one-semester in length. One-semester elective courses are offered every-other year, which requires students to plan their course choices carefully.



## Sample Test Questions

### World Studies

1. Identify the major causes of the “New Imperialism.”
2. Identify the major results of the French Revolution.

### Honors World Studies

1. To what extent were the ideologies of the 19th century responsible for the “New Imperialism?”
2. Assess the degree to which the French Revolution fulfilled the promise of the Enlightenment.

Note: both questions are very similar in terms of the overall concept it is evaluating from the student. However, the Honors questions require students to synthesize the information within the answer as well as how it may apply to content previously discussed within the class.