

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SOCIAL STUDIES AT QEHS



What is Advanced Placement (AP)?



An intellectually stimulating program offering university-level curriculum and challenges to high school students.

Upon successful completion of required AP class, you may earn credit equivalent to university introductory courses.

Who can take Social Studies AP?

Social Studies AP is open to any student who has:

- ❑ a passion for learning
- ❑ a desire to succeed
- ❑ a curiosity about the world around them
- ❑ a strong work ethic, and
- ❑ wants a flexible and academically challenging program



What Social Studies AP courses are offered at QEHS?

Social Studies Pre-AP 10 (Grade 10 one semester)

Social Studies 35/European History and Social Studies 20-1 AP
(Grade 11 full year)



Important Note

Due to the breadth of content outlined by the College Board for AP European History the material has been split over two courses:

- Social Studies 35 and Social Studies 20-1 AP
- Both these courses are taken in Grade 11

Social Studies Pre-AP 10-1

What to expect:

- an emphasis on analytical and writing skills:

For example:

- a focus on the writing skills mandated by Alberta Education--source analysis and position papers
- an introduction to the writing skills mandated by the Advanced Placement program--document-based essay questions & thematic essay questions

Social Studies Pre-AP 10-1 continued

- higher-order reading materials
- increased emphasis on research and independent investigation
- enriched exploration of the Alberta program of studies (Globalisation)

Social Studies 35/European History

- Offers the academic rigour of a first year university European History course.
- Covers the important time period of 1450-1750 CE
- Provides exploration of rich, in-depth texts--especially primary sources
- Has challenging writing/research assignments

Social Studies 20-1 AP

What to expect:

- the same academic rigour and intensity of Social Studies 10-1 Pre-AP and Social Studies 35
- exploration of European history from 1750 CE to the present day
- studying the impact of nationalism in a global context

Benefits of Social Studies AP

- The program is rigorous and academically challenging
- Provides more flexibility than IB programs
- Many universities consider AP experience when reviewing applications
- You take Social Studies AP 35 in grade eleven—this removes the pressure of having to write both a diploma exam and AP exam

The SS AP Course Track

Grade 10

Social Studies 10-1

One semester

or

Social Studies 10-1 Pre-AP

One semester

or

GATE Social Studies 10-1

One semester

Grade 11

Semester 1

Social Studies
35/European History
(40 minute block 3
credits)

Semester 2

Social Studies 20-1 AP
(80 minute block 5
credits)

Grade 12

Social Studies 30-1

One semester

or

GATE Social Studies
30-1

One semester

Social Studies 35/Social Studies 20-1 AP Exam Info

- The Social Studies 35 exam is written in January of Grade 11
- The College Board's AP exam is written in May of Grade 11
- The Social Studies 20-1 exam is written in June of Grade 11

Point of Interest

- Though it is strongly encouraged that you take the recommended AP courses prior to writing the AP European History exam, these courses are not mandatory
- If you are interested in challenging the AP exam, please speak to Mr. Glassford

For more information

- Visit the AP website at www.apstudent.collegeboard.org
- Speak to any Social Studies teacher