

# -Electives-

## **American History & Culture through Film**

*(10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)*

This course offers students of all academic levels a way to explore films to view how and why America changed during the 20th century. The films selected for this course are chosen for their specific messages, which typified the time in which they were made. Through film analysis, students will gain new insight into the social climate that existed during historical events of the 20th century.

## **Elements of Human Behavior**

*(10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)*

This course will look at what influences our behavior. Is it motivation, emotion or stress? Does a chemical imbalance in our body cause certain mental illnesses? Through research, experiments, and films we will explore many different ways our brain perceives and interprets how our environment affects our senses. This course will enlighten you on "what makes us tick."

## **Crime & Punishment**

*(11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)*

Does the phrase, "innocent until proven guilty" apply to all citizens of the United States, or does your 6th Amendment right apply only to the wealthy? Do Black Lives Matter, do Blue Lives Matter or do All Lives Matter? This course will attempt to answer all these questions and more as there is no better time to take a course that applies to a student's life right now! We will look at some of the most infamous cases from the late 20th century as well as current cases which will educate you as well as have you question our Legal Justice System.

## **Sociology**

*(11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)*

Our Sociology course is centered on understanding human behavior, in particular how others influence our own behavior and how we influence others. Our examination in this course will be broad-spanning culture, norms and values, groups, socialization, social institutions, crime, violence and altruism, racism and sexism, collective behavior, and social movements. It includes understanding how people think about each other, and how their beliefs are shaped by others. We will study important issues like conformity, obedience, and prejudice.

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## **The US in a Modern World Honors** (12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)

Are you interested in learning what has been going on in history since you've been born? In this Honors course, you will learn about the U.S. role in an ever-changing world. With an emphasis on the Post-9/11 World, the Global War on Terrorism, and current events, you will analyze the last few decades by linking the chain of events that have happened in the past and connecting them to what's going on today. If you want to pick up where US II left off and have an interest in modern history, consider taking this course.

## **AP Economics** (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)

Advanced Placement Economics is a challenging course that explores the actions of individuals, businesses, and governments in a domestic and global environment. Students will use analytical thinking, graphical analysis, and mathematical calculations to evaluate economic scenarios and their connections to real world behaviors. Students will need to consistently prepare thoughtfully for class and actively participate in activities and discussions.

## **AP American Government & Politics** (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)

Are you interested in how our government really works? Do you like to talk about politics? If you answered yes to these questions, then AP U.S. Government and Politics may be the course for you! The College Board structures this as a semester course; however, Montgomery allows almost twice the time. This means that the course is not rushed and can apply concepts to the interesting current events.

## **AP Art History** (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)

In this course you will learn about various cultures, societies, and nations through the art and architecture that they have produced. The course focuses on diversity and connections among forms of artistic expression throughout history and from around the globe. Consider taking this course if you are interested in history, architecture, art, different societies, and/or different cultures.

## **AP US History I** (10<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective)

If you enjoy social studies but are looking for an extra challenge, this is the course for you. This course encourages students to become apprentice historians who are able to use historical facts and evidence in the service of creating deeper conceptual understandings of critical developments in U.S. history through college level course work. AP US I will prepare students for the more rigorous AP US II and the AP exam. This course satisfies the 10<sup>th</sup> grade US History requirement.

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