

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GUIDE TO HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES IN MCPS**

**History & Social Science Courses are required for both the Standard Diploma and the Advanced Studies Diploma. Specific requirements are as follows:**

**Standard Diploma:** Students must earn 3 credits in History & Social Sciences that includes Virginia and U.S. History, Virginia and U.S. Government, and ONE (1) course in either World History or Geography or both.

**Advanced Studies Diploma:** Students must earn 4 credits in History & Social Sciences that includes Virginia and U.S. History, Virginia and U.S. Government, and TWO (2) courses in either World History or Geography or both.

**Students must pass ONE science end-of-course SOL test to earn a verified credit in History & Social Sciences, as required for both diploma types.**

COURSE NAME	MCPS COURSE	WHEN TO TAKE	NOTES
<b>World History &amp; Geography I or World History &amp; Geography I Honors</b>	<b>22150 2215H</b>	This is the History & Social Sciences course taken by all MCPS students in <b>9<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	All students will take the end-of-course SOL test for World History & Geography to 1500 AD at the completion of this course.*
Students pursuing the <b>Advanced Studies Diploma</b> will select <b>one</b> of the following courses to meet diploma requirements:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World History &amp; Geography II</b></li> <li>• <b>AP European History</b></li> <li>• <b>AP World History: Modern</b></li> </ul>	<b>22160 2399A 23801A</b>	These are the History & Social Sciences courses from which MCPS students must select in <b>10<sup>th</sup> grade</b> if they are pursuing an Advanced Studies Diploma	Only students who did NOT PASS the end-of-course SOL test for World History & Geography to 1500 AD will take the end-of-course SOL test for World History & Geography to 1500 to present at the completion of any one of these courses.
Students will select <b>one</b> of the following courses to meet diploma requirements:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virginia &amp; US History</b></li> <li>• <b>AP US History</b></li> <li>• <b>DE US History</b></li> <li>• <b>DE/AP US History</b></li> </ul>	<b>23600 2319A DE2951 DE2319A</b>	These are the History & Social Sciences courses from which all MCPS students must select in <b>11<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	Only students who did NOT PASS an end-of-course SOL test in a World History & Geography course will take the end-of-course SOL test for Virginia & US History at the completion of any one of these courses.
Students in 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade also may elect to take <b>AP European History or AP World History: Modern</b> if not previously taken			
Students will select <b>one</b> of the following courses to meet diploma requirements:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virginia &amp; US Government</b></li> <li>• <b>AP Government &amp; Politics: US</b></li> <li>• <b>DE US Government</b></li> <li>• <b>DE/AP Government &amp; Politics: US</b></li> </ul>	<b>24400 2445A DE2950 DE245A</b>	These are the History & Social Sciences courses from which all MCPS students must select in <b>12<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	There is no end-of-course SOL test in Virginia & US Government

**\* Beginning in the 2022-23 School Year:**

All students in **World History I/World History I (H)** will complete two performance-based assessments for inclusion in their course portfolio that will be evaluated, along with other assignments, to award a Verified Credit in social studies. (*VDOE contingencies may necessitate the continued use of the traditional Standards of Learning end-of-course examination.*)

**Students who did not earn a verified credit in World History I** will be given the opportunity to complete two performance-based assessments for inclusion in their course portfolio that will be evaluated, along with other assignments, to earn a Verified Credit in World History II or VA/US History. (*VDOE contingencies may necessitate the continued use of the traditional Standards of Learning end-of-course examination.*)

## GUIDE TO 11th & 12th GRADE HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES IN MCPS

COURSE NAME	MCPS COURSE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Virginia & US History	23600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addresses the Virginia Standards of Learning for <b>Virginia &amp; US History</b></li> </ul>	
AP US History	2319A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers all topics from the AP US History course</li> <li>Students will be prepared for the AP exam</li> <li>Addresses the Virginia Standards of Learning for <b>Virginia &amp; US History</b></li> </ul>	Students can earn <b>HIS 121 &amp; HIS 122</b> credit with an AP score of 3 or higher on the US History AP exam
DE US History	DE2951	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned with NRCC's US History to 1877 and US History Since 1865</li> <li>Students will receive college credit from NRCC for HIS 121 &amp; HIS 122</li> <li>Addresses the Virginia Standards of Learning for <b>Virginia &amp; US History</b></li> </ul>	<b>HIS 121 &amp; HIS 122</b> are Passport Transfer courses
DE/AP US History	DE2319A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned with NRCC's US History to 1877 and US History Since 1865</li> <li>Covers all topics from the AP US History course</li> <li>Students will receive college credit from NRCC for HIS 121 &amp; HIS 122 and will be prepared for the AP exam</li> <li>Addresses the Virginia Standards of Learning for <b>Virginia &amp; US History</b></li> </ul>	
COURSE NAME	MCPS COURSE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Virginia & US Government	24400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addresses the Virginia Standards of Learning for <b>Virginia &amp; US Government</b></li> </ul>	
AP Government & Politics: US	2445A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers all topics from the AP Government &amp; Politics: US course</li> <li>Students will be prepared for the AP exam</li> <li>Addresses the Virginia Standards of Learning for <b>Virginia &amp; US Government</b></li> </ul>	Students can earn <b>PLS 135</b> credit with an AP score of 3 or higher on the Government & Politics: US AP exam
DE/AP Government & Politics: US	DE245A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned with NRCC's NRCC's US Government &amp; Politics and State &amp; Local Politics</li> <li>Covers all topics from the AP Government &amp; Politics: US course</li> <li>Students will receive college credit from NRCC for PLS 135 &amp; PLS 136 and will be prepared for the AP exam</li> <li>Addresses the Virginia Standards of Learning for <b>Virginia &amp; US Government</b></li> </ul>	<b>PLS 135 &amp; 136</b> are Passport Transfer courses

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## HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE COURSES IN MCPS

MCPS also offers a variety of History & Social Sciences elective courses.

Students are encouraged to take the elective courses that are of interest to them.

Students must meet course prerequisites for all courses listed below (See [MCPS HS Program of Studies](#))

<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>MCPS COURSE</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>MCPS COURSE</b>
Psychology	29000	African-American History	29990
AP Psychology	2902A	DE Contemporary World Religions	DE2999
DE/AP Psychology	DE2900A	Women's Studies	29980
Psychology /Sociology	29960		
DE Psychology /Sociology VIRTUAL	DE2996V		