

SOCIAL SCIENCE

PHSS102 Civics

Level: 9-10
Credit: ½ unit

Civics is an introductory social science class for freshmen and sophomores. The class covers diversity in American society, foundation of citizenship, American heritage, the United States Constitution, the branches of government, and the American economy.

PHSS120 Economics

Level: 9-10
Credit: ½ unit

This is an introductory course for freshman and sophomores. Economics is the study of how people seek to satisfy their needs and wants by making choices. This class will explore economic systems, supply and demand, business and labor issues, personal finance, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the government and economy, and global economy.

PHSS101 Current Social Issues

Level: 9-12
Credit: ½ unit or 1 unit

This is an elective class with an emphasis on informing each student of the events of local, state, national, and international importance. Lessons are planned to give the students a conversational understanding of the major events and to give the opportunity to critically analyze these events. Newspapers, magazines, and recorded television news programs are the basic tools in this classroom.

PHSS302 Sociology

Level: 10-12
Credit: ½ unit

This semester class provides students with a general overview of the diverse structures that can exist in any society. It gives the students a basic background in sociological concepts and terminology. Current social problems and issues are explored. Students should gain a greater understanding of how these issues and problems can impact the individual, and how the individual can impact these problems.

PHSS202 World History

Level: 10-12
Credit: 1 unit

This course combines a historical and geographical approach to the study of the world as a community. Students learn basic geography skills and apply them to an understanding of historical events. The class provides a general overview of seven regions of the world emphasizing a few focus countries in each region. The government, economy, religion, culture, geography, and history of each focus region are examined. Students will understand how past events of today influence the development of tomorrow's world community.

PHSS301 U.S. History

**Level: 11
Credit: 1 unit**

This course is a general overview of U.S. history since 1877. The course begins with western expansion and the decline of Native Americans continuing on to present day. The history of the United States is explored from a political, social, literary, cultural, geographic, and economic perspective.

**PHSS305 American Studies/U.S. History
Prerequisite: English 2**

**Level: 11
Credit: 2 units**

American Studies is founded on the philosophy that students create a better understanding of American culture through the integrated study of literature and history. The course is designed to investigate significant events, ideas, and values in America from colonial times to modern society. The content of this course is the same as the individual English 3 and American History courses—only the approach is different. However, this approach creates new opportunities for students to expand learning, such as field trips and project-based assessments. Because this is a double credit course, students meet everyday. The class is team-taught with teachers from the English and Social Studies department. **Therefore, enroll in American Studies/History and American Studies/English 3.**

PHSS401 U.S. Government

**Level: 12
Credit: unit**

(concurrent credit through Fort Scott Community College is available)

This course is designed to provide basic information about the federal government of the United States so students can become fully participating citizens. The following topics are covered during the year: forms of government, the structure of the U.S. government, the Constitution, political participation, legislative branch, executive branch, and judicial branch.

**PHSS306 Developmental Leadership
Prerequisite: Application and permission of instructor**

**Level: 11-12
Credit: 1 unit**

Acceptance into the class will be determined through an application process. Students will have the opportunity to gain leadership skills by working with community leaders to meet a community need, learn how to communicate effectively, respect diversity, and solve problems, while at the same time supporting specific learning objectives.