

COURSES OFFERED BY THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

SS 8





In Social Studies 8 students will learn more about themselves, each other and the world we inhabit. This curriculum focuses on power and the development of civilizations and societies from the 7th century to the mid 18th century with a focus on First Nations Peoples. All topics addressed will be taught with an emphasis on the Big Ideas as outlined by the Ministry:

- Contact and conflict between people stimulated significant cultural, social, and political change.
- Human and environmental factors shape changes in population and living standards.
- Exploration, expansion, and colonization had varying consequences for different groups.
- Changing ideas about the world created tension between people wanting to adopt new ideas and those wanting to preserve established traditions.

For further information please see the ministry revised curriculum at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/social-studies/8>

SS 9

In Social Studies 9, students will learn more about themselves, each other, and the world we inhabit. In this course which spans from 1750-1919, students develop critical thinking skills and come to know how people and nations around the world have been influenced by ideas, environment, power, and identity. An emphasis will be placed on the study of First Nations Peoples.

-  Emerging ideas and ideologies profoundly influence societies and events
-  The physical environment influences the nature of political, social, and economic change
-  Disparities and power alter the balance of relationships between individuals and between societies
-  Collective identity is constructed and can change over time

For further information please see the ministry revised curriculum at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/social-studies/9>

SS 10

In Social Studies 10, students will learn more about themselves, each other, and the world we inhabit. In this course, which spans from 1919 to the present, students develop critical thinking skills and come to know how people, including First Nations, around the world have been influenced by conflict, political decisions, ideology, changes in society, history, and geography.

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- 🎬 Global and regional conflicts are a powerful force in shaping our contemporary world and identities
- 🎬 The development of political institutions is influenced by economic, social, ideological, and geographic factors
- 🎬 World views lead to different perspectives and ideas about developments in Canadian society
- 🎬 Historical and contemporary injustices challenge the narrative and identity of Canada as an inclusive and multicultural society

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Psych 11- Psych 11 is intended to be an introductory course to Psych 12 and AP Psych. The course tends to emphasize personal insight as well as scientific understanding. The assignments for Psych 11 will be primarily activity based and students will be asked to use their content knowledge of this course when engaging in meaningful projects/activities involving the home and school community.

AP Psychology 12- The purpose of the AP course in Psychology is to introduce the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Included is a consideration of the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology (The Brain, Sleep, Social Behaviour, Memory, Intelligence etc). The Advanced Placement Psychology course aims to provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that of most University introductory Psychology courses and prepares students to successfully complete the AP Psychology Exam. Please see Ms. Dunne's website for further info www.msdundnesworldofappsych.com

Psychology 12 - topics include the brain, social behaviour, development, emotion, motivation, mental illness, sleep and dreams, memory, intelligence (similar in content to AP Psych but with this time constraints and no final exam). * Please note this course is considered a senior elective not an academic course by most Universities.

Law Studies 12 - topics include: criminal law, civil law and family law, foundations of Canadian Law, structures and powers of the courts and tribunals, constitution of Canada and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, First Peoples' legislation, checks on power, correctional systems, youth law, legal services, global dispute resolutions.

Geography (Human and Physical) 12- The purpose of this course is to introduce the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped understanding, use, and alteration, of Earth's surface. Students employ concepts and analysis to examine social organization, climate concerns, and the consequences of both. They also learn about methods and tools geographers

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use in their science and practice. The study of geography will apply a holistic perspective in examining patterns, places and landscapes, while we look toward an uncertain climate future. Topics explored include alternative energy sources, overpopulation, the world's water, disease, urban farming, cows etc.

History 12- This course is a glimpse into 20th century world history – from 1919 to 1991 – with an examination of components that have profoundly affected our civilization and way of life. Topics include WWII, the Cold War, Revolution, Superpower economics, the collapse of the Soviet Union and understanding the problems of the Middle East.