Loch Raven High School
Social Studies Department

Course Offerings 2021-2022
Graduation Requirements: Recommended Sequence

9th Grade
Government
Honors, GT, AP

10th Grade
World History
Honors, AP

11th Grade
U.S. History
Honors, AP

12th Grade
Economics
Honors PFET, AP

Electives

AP Economics
This course combines both macro and microeconomics. Microeconomics would greatly benefit future business owners, while macroeconomics is the bigger picture of how the economy works nation- and world-wide. If you really want to understand the world, you need to learn one of the most basic languages: money.

AP Government
AP Government and Politics examines every facet of the United States’ government. From functions of government to ideologies, from the Federalist Papers to the Constitution, from Marbury v Madison to U.S. v Nixon, we examine and strive to answer the big questions about our government.

AP Human Geo
AP Human Geography is a geography course, but one that is unique and unlike any other geography experience. Rather than being concerned with where a country is on a map, we examine people: the ways they live, their culture, and much more. This may be the most unique AP course at Loch Raven.

AP U.S. History
AP U.S. History looks at the entire American experience, from the colonial era on to the modern day. You’ll gain an appreciation for the history of the nation in this course. If you want the best understanding possible of our past, there is no better course you could take.

AP World
AP World History is an in depth look at how the modern world came to be. Study the cultural, economic, political, and social developments that have shaped the world from c. 1200 CE to the present. This class will provide a perspective on the modern world that no other course can.

African American History
This course is a case study in the African American experience in the United States. The course will examine African American culture, the impact of historic and modern day racism, and the continuing struggle for freedom. Political, social, and economic issues will be addressed.

Facing History: The Holocaust
Students will face the impact of one of the greatest mass tragedies of the modern era. Students will examine this historical event from the perspective of justice, interpersonal understanding, and sensitivity. This course pairs well with African American History.

Abnormal Psych
Students will define and analyze abnormal behavior from a variety of perspectives. Major types and ranges of abnormal behavior are examined in detail, with emphasis on causation and symptoms. The course culminates with analysis of treatment approaches and their respective techniques.

Philosophy
This course examines questions about the nature of being, the mind, ethical behavior, and life. A range of important philosophical systems and several ethical dilemmas, like the infamous trolley problem are examined and discussed. If you have more interest in questions than answers, give this course a try.

Psychology
This is a study of human behavior, examined within the context of the behavioral sciences of psychology and sociology. This course covers identity development, normal and abnormal behaviors, and treatments. This course pairs well with abnormal psychology.

The first six electives above (AP courses) are marked with grade numbers for suggested years to take them. The five honors electives below are great for grades 10-12.