



Your Senior Social Studies Options

Social Studies Certificate Program

- Many post-secondary schools now **require students to submit a number of high school courses relevant to their program of interest.**
- To help with this, **we are offering 3 certificates** that will help support your entrance into a Liberal Arts Program:
 - **The Social Studies Recognition Award**
 - **The Social Studies Honours Certificate**
 - **The Award of Excellence in Social Studies**

SOCIAL STUDIES RECOGNITION AWARD

Take 3 or more Senior Social Studies courses with passing grade in all of them.

SOCIAL STUDIES HONOURS CERTIFICATE

- **Take 3 or more Senior Social Studies courses with an average mark of 73% with no Social Studies mark under 70%.**

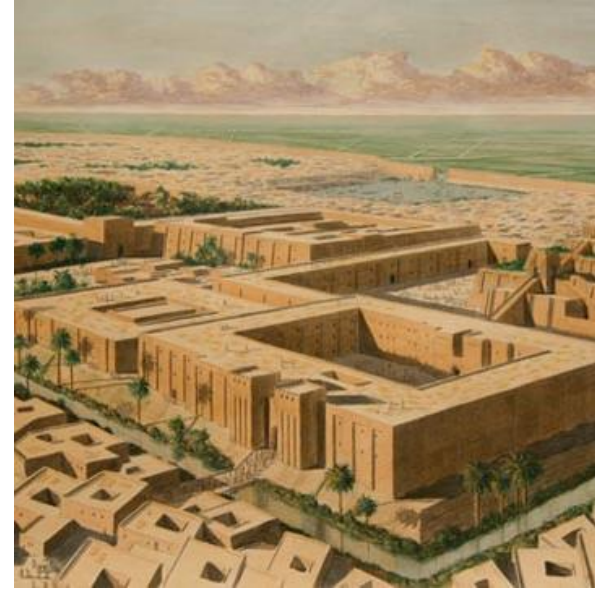
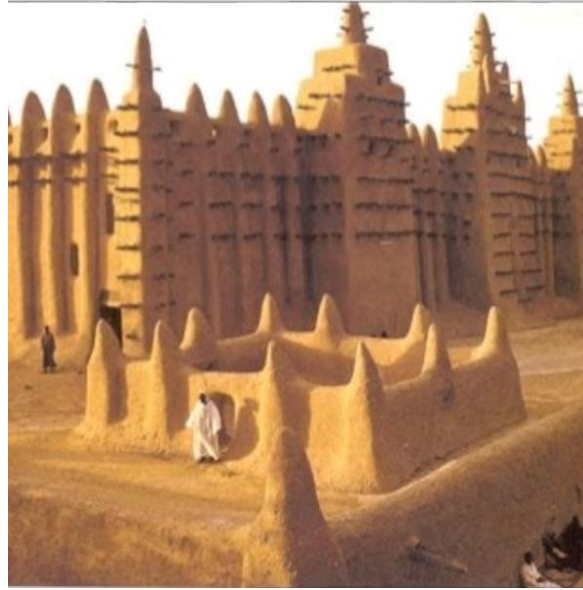
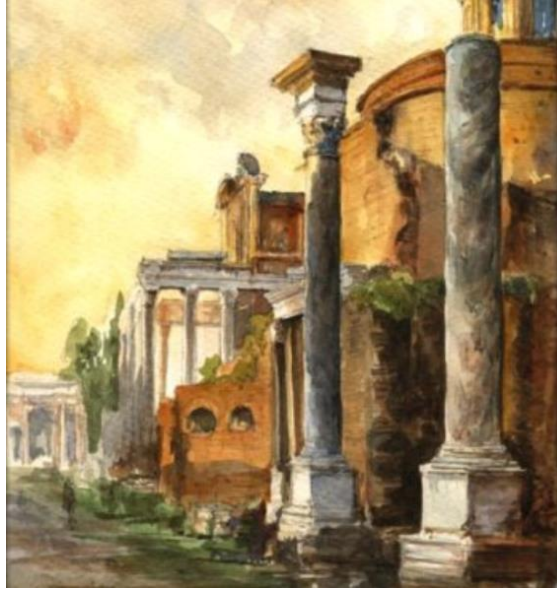
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Take 3 or more Senior Social Studies courses with an average of 86% with no Socials mark below 80%.



BC Ministry of Education Courses

These 4 credit courses will help you meet your Social Studies graduation requirements.



Comparative Cultures 12

Pre-requisite: Social Studies 10

Comparative Cultures 12

covers the following topics:

- Human evolution and prehistoric human societies
- How geography helps to determine the location and development of civilizations
- Major ancient civilizations including:
Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Maya, Aztec, Kush, Great Zimbabwe and Mali
- Art history, archaeology, anthropology, ancient economics, world religions



Comparative Cultures 12

is recommended for students who:

- Want to understand how humans evolved from scavenging animals to hunter-gatherer societies to organized civilizations
- Enjoy history and want to learn more about ancient civilizations
- Enjoy art and want the option to study art history and express their learning through art
- Want to choose between formal research papers that prepare them for post-secondary studies and self-designed projects that allow them to share their knowledge through other formats
- Want to explore careers in archaeology, anthropology, history and related fields



Explorations in Social Studies 11

Pre-requisite: Senior Transitional Social
Studies OR a recommendation from your
SS10 Teacher



Explorations 11

covers the following topics:

- Current events, fake news and media literacy
- Canadian government and law
- Your rights as a citizen
- Social justice and environmentalism
- Past and present challenges faced by many groups including Indigenous communities, new immigrants, women and people of colour

Explorations 11

is recommended for students who:

- Want to be able to spot fake news and understand what is going on in the world today
- Feel passionate about social justice issues, like reconciliation and equal rights
- Want to explore different perspectives on controversial issues
- Are interested in understanding their rights as a young person in Canada
- Enjoy learning through hands on activities, like mock elections and role plays



Human and Physical Geography 12

Pre-requisite: SS10



Human and Physical Geography 12 covers the following topics:

- **Themes of Geography and Spheres of the Environment**
- **Natural Disasters** (landslides, storms, quakes, tsunamis, volcanism and how humans respond to and exaggerate the effects)
- **Weather and Climate** and how future changes will impact world populations
- **Plate tectonics** and their effects on human and natural systems
- **Natural Resources and Sustainability**
- **Learning new technologies** to understand the world (GIS, Satellite)
- Understanding that we are a **globally connected** world (through fashion, music, ideas)

Human and Physical Geography 12

is recommended for students who:

- Enjoy both science and social studies
- Are curious about the earth's physical systems and how they shape the surface of the Earth
- Have an interest in environmental issues and the role we play
- Are considering a career in technology, marketing and economics, planning parks and cities, environmental protection work, teaching



History 12

Pre-requisite: SS10

History 12

covers the following topics:

- End of WWI and Russian Revolution
- Inter-war years in the USSR, USA, Italy, Germany
- The road to WWII and genocide
- The Cold War (USSR vs. USA) and the Cold War in relation to China, Vietnam, the Middle East
- Human Rights (South Africa, India, US Civil Rights Era, Women's Rights, LGBTQ+)



History 12

is recommended for students who:

- Wish to improve their research, writing, discussion, and presentation skills
- Want to see the connection of contemporary global issues to the past
- Wish to have a better understanding of historical references in popular culture, art, films, and the media



Law 12

Pre-requisite: SS10

Law 12

covers the following topics:

Are you interested in learning about social justice?

Are human rights worth protecting?
(Constitutional Law)

Do all punishments fit their crime?
(Criminal Law)

Is suing someone the best remedy for a problem?
(Civil Law)

How does child support work?
(Family Law)

Are you interested in case studies?

Law 12

is recommended for students who:



Are curious about how laws are made and can be changed



Want to understand all that Latin like "Habeus Corpus"



Like interactive, engaging discussions and current events



Like to listen to speakers in legal professions



Are interested in justice education



Locally Designed Elective Courses

These 4 credit courses may be
taken for interest.



Psychology 11

Pre-requisite: SS10

Psychology 11

covers the following topics:

WHY PSYCHOLOGY



You have a fascination
for the human mind



Gain useful insights to
apply to daily life



Wide career options
& opportunities

- How our brain and other body systems impact our behaviour
- Human development over the course of our lives
- How we learn and remember
- Mental health disorders and treatments
- The influence of social settings, culture, personality, etc. on our behaviour
- Mental wellness (e.g. managing stress, coping with difficult emotions)

Psychology 11

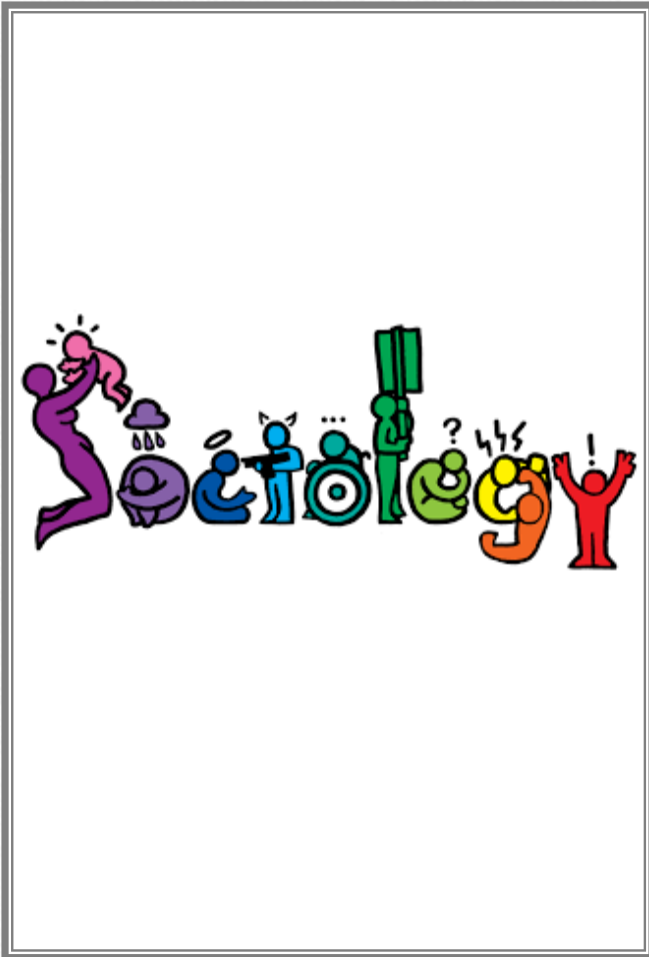
is recommended for students who:

- Enjoy both Science and Social Studies
- Want to learn more about the human mind and behaviour
- Want to develop a better understanding of themselves and others
- Are planning to attend an academic post-secondary program
- Are considering counselling, education, business, neuroscience and other psychology-related fields as a career path



Sociology 11

Pre-requisite: Social Studies 10



Sociology 11

covers the following topics:

- **Factors that shape human behaviour** (family, peers, school)
- **Crime and Deviant behaviour**
- **Group and Organization** (Subcultures, exclusion and discrimination, policies as response)
- **Inequalities** in class, ethnicity, race, gender
- **Culture** and its influence on society (First People's worldviews, anti-colonialism, pop culture)
- Conducting your own **sociological research** on issues of your interest

Sociology 11

is recommended for students who:

- If you are the type of person who doesn't necessarily follow the crowds (but are fascinated by their behaviour)
- Enjoy looking at our society with fresh new eyes 'sociological imagination'
- Wish to improve communication skills
- Enjoy a better understanding of the social forces that shape your life, so that you will be better able to deal with them
- Interested in business, social work, criminology, management studies, communication, media and marketing studies, law, public health work and law enforcement

Media & Social Studies 12

Pre-requisite: Social Studies 10

IMPORTANT: Media and SS12 is NOT the same as ELA New Media or Arts Education Media Arts. If you take MASS 12 you will NOT get credit for the above courses AND post-secondary schools will not recognize MASS 12 in place of those courses.





Media & Social Studies 12

covers the following topics:

- The goals of Media Literacy and Social Studies education
- The Digital World: social media, privacy, tech addiction, gaming, artificial intelligence
- Representations of gender, race, class, sexual orientation
- Journalism / Politics / Marketing: "fake news", the news industry, political campaigns, advertisements, branding
- City Stories: how cities are represented in media, dystopias, city food cultures, how to "improve" Vancouver

Media & Social Studies 12

is recommended for students who:

- Wish to improve their discussion and presentation skills
- Want to have a better understanding of the role of technology, the internet, and social media in our world
- Wish to critically analyze film, songs, music videos, ads, memes, video games
- Hope to begin a digital portfolio of their work