

# Social Studies Department

## Preparing students for the future

Cathedral's social studies department prepares students to be citizens of the world; students who are culturally competent and engaged in the global society. The curriculum is designed to create a dynamic, student-centered experience with a framework that forges a link between the classroom and the future.



2017 We the People team earns National 3rd Place



Sociology studying Cathedral culture over the years

## Encouraging good citizenship

Our faculty focuses on providing students with the knowledge, intellectual skills, and civic values necessary for fulfilling the duties of citizenship in a participatory democracy and we strive to meet the criteria of Cathedral's Portrait of a Graduate. We have aligned our curriculum for a systematic study of the social sciences, covering economics, geography, history, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology.



Psychology Day Care Day

## Dynamic curriculum

- Challenges students to actively participate in the democratic process
- Promotes an understanding of key concepts, content, standards, & methodology through research, communications, technology, & practice
- Honors cultural diversity & meets the needs of all students
- Utilizes literature, technology, & community resources to encourage students to become lifelong learners
- Fosters teaching practices rooted in democratic principles
- Inspires students to be role models by developing decision making & evaluation skills
- Integrates social sciences with other academic disciplines
- Examines geographic, historical, cultural, & economic situations through a variety of experiences and activities to better prepare students for the future

## THREE SECTORS INSTITUTE

Three Sectors Institute is a course taught as a college seminar with opportunities for guest lecturers and problem-solving in each of the three sectors studied (public, private, and nonprofit). The Three Sectors Institute models Cathedral's Next Generation Teaching and Learning methods providing authentic learning experiences and collaborative student-teacher driven curriculum. The course will inspire innovation, create lifelong learning connections, promote stewardship and enhance the public good.

## AP SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES

Each year, Cathedral students who want to learn and achieve at the highest level become AP students in Social Studies courses, earn college credit, and stand out in the college admissions process while learning from some of Indiana's finest educators! AP Social Studies courses are a community of students and educators who are passionate, curious and committed to academic excellence in their subjects. The focus is not on memorizing facts and figures, but instead, you'll engage in intense discussions, problem solving, collaboration, and learn to write clearly and persuasively.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES

The Social Studies department offers three courses in the IB curriculum: History of the Americas, Psychology, and Economics. The IB curriculum is inquiry-based and offers students the opportunity to explore these disciplines in more depth. Students who take these courses will be challenged to reflect on who they are, where they came from, and the influence they have on their communities and vice versa.

## SOCIAL STUDIES AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Our department provides real life experiential learning, which exposes students to social sciences in action.

- Child development practicum
- Constitution Day with Federal, State, and Marion County Judges
- History Day participation
- Live IN Court of Appeals case
- Mock Congress
- Moot court cases
- We the People... Citizen & the Constitution

## SOCIAL STUDIES CLUBS

Co-curricular activities are an important part of the holistic education that Cathedral High School provides to her students. Participation in activities outside of the classroom setting gives students opportunities to develop leadership skills, make new friends, and serve others. Cathedral students are active in variety of social studies clubs, including:

- History Club
- Model United Nations
- Young Democrats
- Young Republicans



AP Economic students learning about the stock market

## Social Studies Courses Offered

- AP Art History
- AP European History
- AP Government/
- We the People
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP US Government/Politics
- AP US History
- AP World History
- Dual Credit US History
- Dual Credit Economics
- Economics
- Government
- History of Sports and Culture
- IB Economics
- IB History of the Americas
- IB Psychology
- Sociology
- Three Sectors Institute
- US History
- World History

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