

Standardized Testing

The Social Studies Department at Hoffman Estates High School fully appreciates the importance of the SAT and ACT tests and is committed to help students with strategies to facilitate higher performance on these as well as other standardized tests. Students in the past who have taken a social studies class as a freshman have performed significantly better on both SAT and ACT. Thus taking a social studies class freshman year is highly recommended.



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"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."



► Social Studies

The Social Studies Department at Hoffman Estates is committed to excellence. Through a curriculum full of required and elective classes a student who passes through our department will have an informed knowledge of the past, the present and be ready to contribute to the future. It is our goal to make life long learners who can properly understand the events around him or her. Walking into one of our classrooms one will see an active learning atmosphere where a wide variety of teaching approaches are utilized from Socratic Seminars to online research. Students will further their understanding of topics ranging from Psychology to American History. We are confident that a student who attends Social Studies classes at HEHS will leave as an informed learner ready to contribute to the 21st century.



Freshman Options

World History

Our World History classes take students from the cradle of civilization to the hot bed of issues changing the contemporary world. This course will help students understand the background of events making newspaper headlines today. The journey begins in Ancient Egypt and the fertile crescent where civilizations began, then moves to the far east to understand beliefs such as Confucianism and Taoism. After a study of Western Civilization, the journey ends with the current world. By this time students will have the proper background to understand the world around them and become positive contributors to society.



World Geography

Another option for Freshman is World Geography. This class allows students to explore the current world around them. Six continents of the world are investigated by students to further their appreciation of the differences among cultures and the importance of physical geography shaping societies. Discussion of social, political, and economic culture properly equips students for the 21st century. Combined with a daily conversation of current events students cannot help but be better informed of their surroundings.

Global Studies

Global Studies is focused on raising a student's skill level. Skill sets such as reading, note-taking and test strategies to help students through their high school career. The content of the course uses history and geography to focus on how the influence of people, places, ideas and events have shaped the world.



AP World History

This course is aimed at the **truly advanced** freshmen who want to develop the reading, writing, and critical thinking skills that are essential for a successful high school college prep (AP) career. Those who successfully complete this course have an opportunity to earn college credit from the AP exam.

