

# Social Studies - Cambridge Programme

## Social Studies - Cambridge Programme Courses

### AICE U.S. History (AS Level)

This Advanced study of American history follows an international curriculum which focuses on key developments that transformed the United States from an isolated, agrarian society to the world's leading superpower. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the complexity of issues, will interpret source materials as historical evidence, and will demonstrate facility in their use. On external examinations, students will answer compulsory source-based questions and respond to a choice of essay questions. They will be prepared to qualify for the Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma. This course has an associated Standards of Learning (SOL) test. Students will participate in these tests only when they have not yet earned sufficient credit for graduation and/or satisfied federal testing requirements.

**Credits** 1

**Grades**

11

**Course Designation**

Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS),  
Cambridge,  
Weighted (1.0W)

**Schools**

Potomac High School

**Prerequisites**

[World History and Geography from 1500; Advanced Middle Years Programme - World History and Geography to 1500](#) or [Pre-AICE World History and Geography to 1500; English 10](#) or [IGCSE English 10](#)

### AICE World History (AS Level)

This college-level course examines the nature and use of historical evidence, causes and consequences, continuity and change, and similarities and differences related to human activity of the past. Topics include: Discovery and Exploration, Rise of Nation-States, Reformation, Wars of Religion, Absolutism, The Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment, The French Revolution, Development of Modern Nation States, Liberalism, Nationalism, Industrial Revolution, Imperialism and World War 1 and its aftermath, International Relations Since 1919, Russia: 1881-1939, the Rise of Fascism, Causes of World War 2 and the Final Peace Settlement, The Cold War, and World Issues. This course is required for those enrolled in the Cambridge Programme. Students will sit for AICE examinations. This course has an associated Standards of Learning (SOL) test. Students will participate in these tests only when they have not yet earned sufficient credit for graduation and/or satisfied federal testing requirements.

**Credits** 1

**Grades**

10

**Course Designation**

Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS),  
Cambridge,  
Weighted (1.0W)

**Schools**

Brentsville District High School  
Potomac High School

**Requirements**

Teacher recommendation

**Prerequisites**

[Pre-AICE World History and Geography to 1500](#)

**Notes**

A pass advance on the World History 1 SOL test is recommended.

## IGCSE History

This course offers the opportunity to study world history from 1500 with a focus on the 19th century to the beginning of the twenty-first century. It encourages learners to raise questions and to develop and deploy historical skills, knowledge and understanding in order to provide historical explanations. Learners will explore history from a diversity of perspectives, including social, economical, cultural and political, and are given the opportunity to: develop an interest in and enthusiasm for learning about and understanding the past; explore historical concepts such as cause and consequence, change and continuity, and similarity and difference; appreciate historical evidence and how to use it; gain a greater understanding of international issues and inter-relationships and; learn how to present clear, logical arguments.

**Credits** 1

**Grades**

10

**Course Designation**

Cambridge,

Weighted (0.5W)

**Schools**

Currently Unavailable

**Prerequisites**

None

## Pre-AICE World History and Geography to 1500

This pre-collegiate course explores the nature and use of historical evidence, causes and consequences, continuity and change, and similarities and differences related to human activity of the past. Topics include: Early Man through Rome, The Late Roman Empire, The Rise of Islam, Feudalism and the Early Middle Ages, Crusading and the Crusader States to 1204, Carolingians and Charlemagne, Early Religions and Trade Routes, The Rise of New Monarchies, The Ottoman Empire, European Social and Economic Development, and The Renaissance. This course has an associated Standards of Learning (SOL) test. Students will participate in these tests only when they have not yet earned sufficient credit for graduation and/or satisfied federal testing requirements.

**Credits** 1

**Grades**

9

**Course Designation**

Cambridge,

Weighted (0.5W)

**Schools**

Brentsville District High School

Potomac High School

**Prerequisites**

None

**Notes**

A pass advance on the Civics and Economics SOL test is recommended.