## Senior Social Studies Classes: Your Gateway to Exciting Post-Secondary **Opportunities and Careers**

#### Why Social Studies Classes?

- You need to take at least one in grade 11 or 12 to graduate!
- You can take as many as you want
- All senior courses offered at JH are acceptable towards general admission at Douglas, Kwantlen, Langara, SFU and UBC
- Develop transferrable skills for different careers
- Gain diverse background knowledge that can help you pursue careers in many fields



"I believe I'm a better scientist. I believe I am a better administrator. I believe I'm a better teacher. I believe I'm a better father and husband [...] And I believe that I am a better scholar because of my liberal arts education, because it was intentionally diverse and heterogeneous, because it made me move outside of my comfort zone into areas of thought and discussion that were uncomfortable to me... it broadened my mind, it exercised my mind."

Former UBC President Santa J Ono's perspective on the value of liberal arts:

# Where might Social Studies courses lead you in the post secondary world?

- There's no such thing as "Social Studies" in post-secondary!
- So, what are keywords that you might look for? "Liberal Arts," "Humanities", "Social Sciences"
- Faculties are divided into departments, which offer a variety of program options and courses
- A few examples of post-secondary departments and programs:
- At UBC, the Faculty of Arts includes: Anthropology, Art History, Visual Art and Theory (formerly Fine Arts), Asian Studies, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies, Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies, English, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies, Geography, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theatre and Film
- At SFU, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences includes: Anthropology, Applied Legal Studies, Cognitive Science, Criminology, Economics, English, First Nations Studies, First Nations Language Program, French, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies, Gerontology, Global Asia, Hellenic Studies, History, Humanities, International Studies, Labor studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy, Sociology, Urban Studies, World Literature

# 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12

- Learn about world history from 1900 to present, including the proliferation of technology, the role of nationalism, the breakdown of empires and creation of new economic and political systems.
- Great for students who like history, politics, research, discussion, and current events
- Get ready for simulations, gripping narratives, and eye-opening discussions that unravel the most pivotal moments of the past century.
- **Content includes**: The Great War, Interwar Turmoil and the Rise of Dictators, WWII: Global Upheaval, The Cold War: Spies, Fear, and Paranoia, Asia at a Crossroads: China's Revolution & Decolonization, The Middle East: Conflict, Cooperation, and Global Politics, Africa: After Independence and Struggles for Stability, & The Modern Era: War on Terror and Beyond
- Expect to analyze, debate, and even step into the shoes of historical figures through role-plays and interactive sessions.

### Comparative Cultures 12

- Comparative Cultures 12 examines cultures and societies from around the world that may have been overlooked in other social studies courses.
- We will also learn how to plan/budget for world travel, and go on several field trips around the lower mainland to interact with different cultures.
- Japanese Kabuki plays!
- African Drumming!
- Latin American Dancing!
- World Music Videos!
- International Cuisine!
- Bollywood cinema!
- Filipino Children's games!
- The Unseen North Korea!





# Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

- Learn about global Indigenous cultures, the impacts of colonialism on global Indigenous groups, and their resilience in the face of ongoing challenges. This course also examines Indigenous triumphs in Canada and around the world and ongoing reconciliation efforts.
- Great for students who want to learn more about Indigenous cultures and move towards truth and reconciliation
- Students will have the opportunity access local Indigenous cultures through guest speakers and field trips
- Fulfills both Social Studies and Indigenous Graduation credit requirements



### Economic Theory 12

- Learn about the theories and systems that drive global political, social, and economic decisions, including by studying past economic conditions, competing theories, and ethical issues in economics.
- Great for students who like business, money, politics, discussion and debate



### Genocide Studies 12

• Learn about historical atrocities and their progression, including their political, social, and cultural impacts and how violence against targeted groups can be resisted today to mitigate challenges to global peace and prosperity.

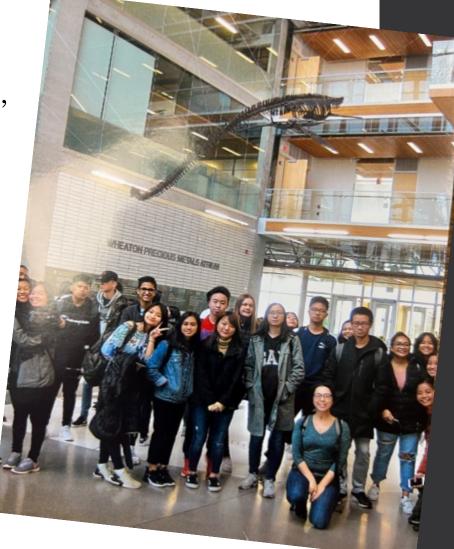
• Great for students who are mature, curious, empathetic and like a challenge

• WARNING: this course contains topics that may be distressing for some students



# Human Geography 12

- Learn about global human populations and their relationships with the land, including population growth, cultural development, physical features and natural resources, food, and human impacts on the environment.
- We will explore questions like...
- What makes places special?
- What makes us unique?
- Where does the world's population live?
- How and where do we get our food?
- How can we help our environment?
- Great for students who like sustainability, cultures, environment, exploring-you'll get outside and connect with others





### Law Studies 12

- Learn about the role of the law and interpretation of the law in society and its impacts on the lives of citizens, including how active citizens can impact the law and how changes in the law evolve over time.
- Students will examine the role of law and interpretation of the law in society and its impacts on the lives of citizens. We will look at crime and deviance in Canada and how it impacts the legal system.
- Law Studies will cover criminological theories of crime, prominent criminologists, crime scene analysis, analyzing socio and psychopaths, the differences between them, and the underlying causes. Law will include the classification of law, the Charter, corrections, sentencing and many other aspects of law and criminology.
- Great for students who want to be good citizens and like discussion and debate



Social Justice 12

- Learn about the causes of social injustice and their impacts on society as well as how social justice initiatives can transform individuals and systems, including how our worldviews can shape and inform how we view social justice issues.
- Great for students who want to create a more equal and just world

### IB Diploma Courses in Social Studies

- IB Diploma Courses are offered as part of the IB DP program, but students who are passionate about a single subject are welcome to IB DP candidate courses without signing up for the whole program. Please speak with your counselor or Ms. Wilcox for details.
- IB Social Studies Courses:
- DP History SL/HL
- DP Global Politics SL/HL
- DP Psychology SL/HL



# IB Global Politics SL/HL (may be taken as a candidate course)

• Global Politics is about the study of power—those who have it, and how they use it to influence the global society. The 21st century is characterized by rapid change and increasing interconnectedness, impacting individuals and societies in unprecedented ways and creating complex global political challenges. Global politics is an exciting, dynamic subject that draws on a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities, reflecting the complex nature of many contemporary political issues. Core topics include: types of power, political theories, peace and conflict, international development, and international relations. In the course, students examine case studies on current events like: equality, poverty, climate change, sustainability, terrorism, and more. Students in this course will develop an understanding of the local, national, international and global dimensions of political activity, as well as explore political issues affecting their own lives. The study of global politics enables students to critically engage with different and new perspectives and approaches to politics in order to comprehend the challenges of the changing world and become aware of their role in it as active global citizens. This is a two-year IB DP course. Students must complete both years of the course and the external examination to receive course credit.

# IB History SL/HL (may be taken as a candidate course)

IB History is a global history course based on a comparative and multiperspective approach to history. It involves the study of a variety of types of history, including political, economic, social and cultural, and provides a balance of structure and flexibility. The course emphasizes the importance of encouraging students to think historically and to develop historical inquiry skills as well as gaining factual knowledge. It puts a premium on developing the skills of critical thinking, and on developing an understanding of multiple interpretations of history. Topics include: Industrialization, The Move to Global War, The Great Depression, The Cold War (SL), and The Americas and Its Political Development since 1960 (HL). This is a two-year IB DP course. Students must complete both years of the course and the external examination to receive course credit.

# IB Psychology SL/HL (may be taken as a candidate course)

• At the core of the DP psychology course is an introduction to three different approaches to understanding behaviour: the biological, cognitive and sociocultural approaches. The contribution and the interaction of the three approaches is understood through the four options in the course, focusing on areas of applied psychology: abnormal psychology, developmental psychology, health psychology, and the psychology of relationships. DP psychology promotes an understanding of the various approaches to research and how they are used to critically reflect on the evidence as well as assist in the design, implementation, analysis and evaluation of the students' own investigations. This is a two-year IB DP course. Students must complete both years of the course and the external examination to receive course credit. This course will not satisfy graduation requirements for Social Studies, may only be taken as an elective

### Conclusion Don't confine yourself to just one senior Socials class! Take classes you think sound interesting! Everything is connected!