### Possible Course Sequencing Options for High School Social Studies

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### Social Studies Electives

There are no NCDPI prerequisites for any of the social studies elective courses.

#### 2010 Social Studies Essential Standards: Electives
- American Humanities
- Psychology
- Sociology
- The Cold War
- Turning Points in American History
- Twentieth Century Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
- Twenty-First Century Geography
- World Humanities

#### 2006 Standard Course of Study: Electives
(These electives will continue to be available to students.)
- African American Studies
- American Government
- American Indian Studies
- Contemporary Issues in North Carolina History
- Contemporary Law and Justice
- Economics
- Geography in Action
- Latin American Studies

### Advanced Placement (AP) social studies courses offered by College Board
- AP European History
- AP Government and Politics: U.S.
- AP Government and Politics: Comparative
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP U.S. History (May fulfill both U.S. History graduation requirements)
- AP World History (May fulfill the World History requirement)

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**Notes:**
- *Denotes the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) United States History course. This course encompasses all information in both American History I and II and may be substituted for the American History I and American History II course requirements. If a student elects to take the AP United States History course as a substitute for the required United States History I and II courses, then that student MUST take a social studies elective course in order to meet the new requirement of four social studies credits for graduation. If this is the case, the elective course may be taken at any time and not necessarily directly preceding or directly following the AP course.

- **International Baccalaureate (IB) United States History may be substituted for American History I and American History II. Students will not be required to take an additional elective as students will be receive the full range of United States History content in these two courses and will receive two credits, satisfying the NC Graduation Requirements.**
Additional Clarification:

1. On April 7, 2011, the NC State Board of Education (SBE) revised the State graduation requirements, Policy GCS-N-004, to increase the graduation requirement for social studies from three courses to four. This new requirement beginning with the freshmen who enter high school for the first time during 2012-13. These courses include World History, Civics and Economics, American History I, and American History II. Students may substitute AP US History for American History I and American History II, but they are required to take a fourth social studies course (elective).

2. Each high school social studies course is intended to be a stand-alone course. Thus, high school courses may be sequenced in any way a district or school determines is the best fit for the population for which they serve. There are no prerequisites for any of the high school courses for social studies; however, it is highly recommended that students successfully complete American History I prior to enrolling in the American History II course. While the State does not require prerequisites, districts or schools may elect to require prerequisites for courses, including graduation requirements.

3. The sequencing options address the most common logical sequencing possibilities.

4. Students who are interested in taking social studies courses beyond those that are required for high school graduation are encouraged to take social studies electives at any point in their high school career. Local districts, not the state, will determine when students may take electives.

5. Students are free to take any of the social studies Advanced Placement (AP) courses to meet the social studies elective requirement.

6. The NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) highly discourages districts and schools from allowing students to take American History I or American History II as an elective course when that student has substituted the AP US History course for the American History I and American History II graduation requirements. Duplicating course work by taking all or part of a course for which a student has successfully completed would tremendously limit the opportunity that student would have to gain additional knowledge from other social studies courses.