

Social Studies Curriculum

Graduate-Level Competencies

Graduate-level competencies are academic and personal success skills all learners should attain by high school graduation. These are common across all social studies courses, and learners are expected to be able to apply them across the curriculum.

Communication

GL.1 The learner will demonstrate the ability to read a variety of texts fluently and critically by using a variety of strategies in order to evaluate arguments, biases, intended audience, and purpose.

Civics

GL.2 The learner will apply the principles and structures of representative democracy and other political systems by analyzing historical and current issues in order to evaluate the relationship between the individual, government, and other groups.

Historical

GL.3 The learner will understand how historical events impact the modern era by applying historical inquiry skills in order to understand the forces of change and make informed decisions.

Social Studies Processes, Knowledge, and Skills

GL.4 The learner will develop research skills by selecting, evaluating, and synthesizing information from varied sources in order to effectively communicate using reasoning and sufficient evidence, both orally and in writing.

Civic Engagement

GL.5 The learner will gain an understanding of their role in the community by planning and implementing a civic action or service-learning project based on local, state, national, or international needs, and evaluate the effectiveness of civic participation.

Geography

GL.6 The learner will understand their place in the world and interdependent relationships by using geographic reasoning and thinking skills in order to evaluate global problems and propose solutions.

Discourse

GL.7 The learner will demonstrate the ability to collaborate and engage in constructive public and civil discourse by defending and listening to differing positions on topical issues, trends, and events in order to engage in crucial conversations with people of varying perspectives.

Economics

GL.8 The learner will assess personal, national, and global economic decisions by applying financial literacy knowledge and economic principles in various systems in order to make informed budgetary decisions.