



Department of Social Studies

Through its course offerings, the Department of Social Studies at Holy Savior Menard strives to empower its students with a sense of appreciation for citizenship and a desire to dedicate themselves to improving their community. Throughout the course of their years at Holy Savior Menard, students will study the following:

- The unique birth and development of the State of Louisiana;
- The struggles and successes in early America;
- The geographic wonders of our planet;
- The process and procedure of each citizen's civic duties;
- The Reconstruction of the United States following its destructive Civil War;
- And the spreading of civilization throughout the world's recorded history.

In an effort to offer students a more rigorous course of instruction, the Department of Social Studies currently offers honors courses in both United States and World histories, and Dual Enrollment courses in both American History and Western Civilization. Ultimately, the Department's goal is to equip its students with a sense of purpose as Americans, to not only appreciate the rights which they have been given, but to also respect the rights of their fellow man.

High School Course Offerings and Descriptions:

Civics - Civics consists of a survey of the U. S. political system, focusing on the background, institutions and processes of our governmental system. Close attention is given to the study of the Constitution, the branches of government, political party practices and elections, and civil rights.

World Geography - World Geography familiarizes and engages students with the world using the five geographic themes and essential elements. Students should develop skills and knowledge about location, place, human/environmental interaction, movement, and regions across all continents.

American History (College Preparatory, Honors, Dual Enrollment) - A broad survey of American history from the earliest times to the present. Students will be able to identify geographic, political, diplomatic, economic, social, intellectual, and cultural factors that developed in the United States prior to and after the Era of Reconstruction. Dual Enrollment credits, as HI 201 and 202, can be gained through Louisiana Tech University, totaling six course hours.

World History (College Preparatory, Honors, Dual Enrollment) - A broad survey of ideas, institutions and societies in world history from the earliest world cultures through to modern Europe. Students will identify and analyze the political, economic, social, religious, intellectual, and cultural foundations of world civilization. Dual Enrollment credits, as HI 101 and 102, can be gained through Louisiana Tech University, totaling six course hours.

Elective Course Offerings and Descriptions:

Economics - Economics serves as an introduction to economic theories and their applications in the “real world.” The primary focus is on the U. S. economic system – capitalism.

Law Studies - In this course, students are provided an overview of the federal law and the legal system, focusing primarily on the U.S. Constitution and its court system

Sociology - Sociology is focused on familiarizing students with various cultures and the problems resulting from people living in groups. Special attention will be given to such topics as culture, subcultures, social institutions, social change, the family, religion, racial and ethnic minorities, poverty, and crime.