



Wichita East High School IB Program

Exam Group Three Overview: Individuals and Societies

EHS PIB World History / U.S. Government

Instructors: Doug Biggs, April Gutierrez, Brian White

All IB freshmen enroll in this combination course, having one semester devoted to each subject, both of which are a USD 259 graduation requirement. The world history course studies the events and forces of history, relating today's events. The course investigates what civilizations are and how they might be evaluated. Topics include how geography shapes culture, how technology affects societies, how groups have faced and resolved challenges to their societies, and how power shifts when cultures collide or societies evolve. In addition, U.S. Government will be taught in the same setting to meet the graduation requirement. Basic skills such as critical reading, note taking, listening, and effective essay writing are essential skills that will be developed and relied upon from the onset.

Required course for EHS PIB freshmen

Advanced Placement US History

Instructors: Janelle Hoopes, Laurie McHenry, Darham Rogers

This course surveys the people and events of American history from colonial times to the present and prepares students to take the Advanced Placement United States History examination in May. Students will study the events and ethnic, political, economic, cultural, technological, religious, and external forces that have shaped the course of U.S. history. They will continue to improve their reading, note taking, oral, writing, and test-taking skills as they pertain not only to the study of history but to the students' success throughout the IB program.

Required course for EHS PIB sophomores

IB Business & Management SL

Instructor: Shanna Zimmerman

Designed to give students an understanding of business principles, practices, and skills. Emphasis is also placed on understanding technical innovation and day-to-day business functions of marketing, human resource management, and finance. Learning strategies include the application of tools and techniques of analysis to enhance the understanding of complex business activities. Students will appreciate the ethical concerns and issues of social responsibility in the business environment. Case studies will demonstrate the context of the forces and circumstances that drive change in an interdependent and multicultural world. Real-world applications will enable students to become critical and effective participants in local and world affairs. Four modules comprise the curriculum: Introduction to Organizations, Marketing, Human Resource Management, and Accounting and Finance.

Prerequisite: IB Junior or Senior standing

IB European History SL

Instructor: Laurie McHenry

This course is an in-depth study of 20th Century Europe, concentrating particularly on the World Wars and the Cold War. Topics addressed include the causes and effects of war, the rise and rule of single-party states,

East/West relations since 1945, and economic developments of the 1900's. Students also study in detail one IB Prescribed Subject and will write an Internal Assessment research paper.

Prerequisite: IB Junior or Senior standing

IB European History HL Instructor: Laurie McHenry

This course again focuses entirely on twentieth century Europe, with extra emphasis on the cause and results of World War I, the diplomatic events between the World Wars, the rise of dictators, and the key events of the Cold War. The class is conducted as a college seminar with emphasis on exploring various interpretations of events. Students do considerable outside reading and write an Internal Assessment research paper.

Prerequisite: IB European History SL

IB Philosophy SL Instructor: April Gutierrez

The IB Philosophy SL course will provide students with a systematic critical inquiry into profound, fascinating, and challenging questions such as: What is it to be human? Do we have free will? What do we mean when we say something is right or wrong? The course will include a major written component, a variety of assessments using popular media to interpret and understand philosophical thought and concepts along with stimulating and riveting class discussions on the BIG Questions relating to life, being and purpose.

Prerequisite: IB Junior or Senior standing

IB Psychology SL Instructor: Crystal Archibold

Psychology is the systematic study of behavior and cognitive experience. Students build their understanding through three modern perspectives: biological, cognitive, and social cultural psychology. As a social science it incorporates many forms of research methodology. Students will examine research methods, ethics, and statistical analysis as they carry out a simple experimental study. One optional perspective is also studied which may include abnormal, developmental, health, or relationship psychology.

Prerequisite: IB Junior or Senior standing

IB Psychology HL Instructor: Crystal Archibold

Psychology is the systematic study of behavior and cognitive experience. HL psychology guides students to develop a deeper understanding of the core concepts learned in SL psychology (biological, cognitive, and social cultural psychology). Students will examine research methods, ethics, and statistical analysis as they carry out a simple experimental study. There is also an additional emphasis on qualitative research methods. Two optional perspectives are also studied which may include abnormal, developmental, health, or relationship psychology.

Prerequisite: IB Psychology SL