

## ***Individuals and Societies*** **COURSE SYLLABUS**

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### **Course Description**

Individuals and Societies encourage learners to respect and understand the world around them and equips them with the necessary skills to inquire into historical, contemporary, geographical, political, social, economic, religious, technological, and cultural factors that have an impact on individuals, societies and environments. It encourages learners, both students and teachers, to consider local and global context. This course incorporates disciplines traditionally studied under the general term “humanities” (such as history and philosophy) as well as disciplines in the social sciences (such as economics, geography, sociology, and political science).

### **IB Middle Years Programme Objectives & Strands**

#### **IB Individuals and Societies**

##### **Criterion A: Knowing and Understanding**

- i. Use a range of terminology in context
- ii. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of subject-specific content and concepts, through descriptions, explanation and examples.

##### **Criterion B: Investigating**

- i. Formulate/choose a clear and focused research question, explaining its relevance
- ii. Formulate and follow an action plan to investigate a research question
- iii. Use methods to collect and record relevant information
- iv. Evaluate the process and results of the investigation, with guidance

##### **Criterion C: Communicating**

- i. Communicate information and ideas in a way that is appropriate for the audience and purpose
- ii. Structure information and ideas according to the task instructions
- iii. Create a reference list and cite sources of information

##### **Criterion D: Thinking Critically**

- i. Analyze concepts, issues, models, visual representation and/or theories
- ii. summarize information to make valid well-supported arguments
- iii. Analyze a range of sources/data in terms of origin and purpose, recognizing value and limitations
- iv. Recognize different perspectives and explain their implications

### Categories & Weights

Assessments	40%
Classwork	25%
Projects	35%

### Grading Scale

100% -90%	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70%	C
69%-60%	D
59% and below	F

### Family Access/Student Access:

- Grades are updated in Skyward every Friday. Parents should check online grades regularly through Family Access. If you do not have your login credentials for Family Access please contact our Technology Department at 708-367-2930.
- Students will be trained to review their own grades and academic progress through Student Access.

### Class Supplies Needed:

- Chromebook--Charged @ home daily.
- Planner
- Utensils to write with
- Binder

### Late/Absence Work Policy:

- All work is due (completed) at the **beginning** of the class period
- Work will be accepted late for reduced credit
- Work will not be accepted once a unit or a trimester is completed

*All students are expected to adhere to the CMMS Academic Honesty Policy. Our Academic Honesty policy was sent home during the first week of school.*

*If you have questions about content and/or grades, please contact your child's teacher.*

*District 201U Mission Statement:  
Empower each student to positively impact the world for a bright new future.*