



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHARTING THE COURSE

Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Virginia and United States History
(SO 2360)
Online (SOO 360)
One United States History credit, One year
Grades 11

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Virginia and United States History examines the origins and development of the issues, patterns and conflicts that characterize the American experience. Central themes are the growth and expansion of democratic principles and beliefs, the impact of expansion and technology, the development of political institutions and practices and the role of dissent and reform in a democracy. By identifying these themes and tracing their historical paths, the relationships between our past and present are revealed.

Students' skills are refined and reinforced by using and interpreting maps, charts, graphs and political cartoons. Thinking skills are emphasized as students analyze primary source documents, art, literature and music from historical periods to identify cause/effect relationships within and among eras. Communication skills are strengthened and creativity is encouraged as students compose oral, written and visual responses to depict their perceptions about the events, people, conflicts and changes that have shaped the development of our nation and state. Students will take the SOL test for Virginia and United States History or a substitute test approved by the State Board of Education. See the Student Guide for information about substitute tests. Specific dates for the SOL test will be announced by the school.

PREREQUISITE

World Geography or World History and Geography to 1500 or
World History and Geography 1500 – Present

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

Following the successful completion of Virginia and United States History students may select either Virginia and United States Government or Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics. Advanced Placement Comparative Government is also available as an elective.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The teacher may choose to supplement textbooks with materials to extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from Classroom in Context (CLiC), which is a set of online resource databases, as well as daily newspapers, periodicals, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

**STANDARDS OF LEARNING
VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES HISTORY**

Please follow the link below to view the standards for Virginia and United States History from the Virginia Department of Education Website.

[VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES HISTORY](#)

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4-4, 5-7, 5-19, 5-20, 5-44, 6-33, 6-7, 7-48, 7-49, 7-57 and Regulations 2-33.1, 4-4.1, 4-4.2,

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