

**SOCIAL STUDIES (CONT)**

**GROUP 4: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT - (ONE COURSE REQUIRED) - (SELECT ONLY ONE)**

**American Government (273011)** This course is a study of the workings and functions of the American political system. Topics include the Constitution, the three branches of government, and the development of democracy in the United States. Additional units are included on Iowa Government - state and local, and juvenile law.

**Studies in American Government (273211)** This course is designed for students who desire to obtain more in-depth knowledge of the organizations functions and administration of our national political system. The course content includes an analysis of the national government, Iowa government, and political parties, as well as the nomination and election process.

**ELECTIVES**

The courses listed on this page are for additional work in the social studies area. Students may also elect subjects in World Studies, Behavioral Science or American Government which have not been previously taken.

**Independent Study in Social Studies (279611)** This course is designed to allow the student to pursue an area of study not available in our standard offerings. Before registering for the course, the student must secure a faculty advisor who is convinced of the student's ability to carry out independent study and who is willing to supervise the student's program. A proposed plan of study should be submitted to the instructor before registration. That plan should be approved by the instructor, department chairperson, the student's counselor and the principal. Independent study does not meet as a regularly scheduled class. Conferences are arranged between teacher and student as needed.

**Student Senate/Student Council (279911/279912)** Open to duly elected officers and student senate members only. This course is designed to provide the "Student Senate" the opportunity of meeting, learning and conducting "Senate" activities in accordance with the principles of formal and informal parliamentary law on a regularly scheduled basis. (This course will not replace the American Government requirement.)

**Student Page Iowa General Assembly (279921)** (When the legislature is in session.) Students chosen and employed by the Iowa General Assembly to serve as a Student Page (duties include: assisting State Representatives, State Senators, local patrons; serving as capitol guides, delivering messages, etc.) shall be given elective credit in Social Studies for successful completion of Page duties.

**TAG – TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM**

Subject	Course Numbers	Units per course	Grade Level Offered				Prerequisites and Related Information
			9	10	11	12	
<b>TAG – Option 1</b>	222211 /222212	0.5	X				See course description
<b>TAG – Option 1</b>	222221 /222222	0.5		X			See course description
<b>TAG – Option 1</b>	222231 /222232	0.5			X		See course description
<b>TAG – Option 1</b>	222241 /222242	0.5				X	See course description
<b>TAG – Option 2</b>	086211 /086212	0	X				See course description
<b>TAG – Option 2</b>	086221 /086222	0		X			See course description
<b>TAG – Option 2</b>	086231 /086232	0			X		See course description
<b>TAG – Option 2</b>	086241 /086242	0				X	See course description

(Note: To enroll in TAG, a student must meet program entrance requirements and have approval of the TAG facilitator.)

**TAG (222211/222212 - 9th; 222221/222222-10th; 222231/222232-11th; 222241/222242-12th) - OPTION 1** May be taken each term. The gifted and talented program focuses on general intellectual ability and creative thinking by offering a variety of activities and instructional materials using higher level thinking skills. Students move from general orientation and group activities to specific independent study projects using increasingly higher level thinking skills. Freshmen and sophomores will participate in structured test-prep activities during part of the course. A materials fee will be charged.

**TAG (086211/086212-9th; 086221/086222-10th; 086231/086232-11th; 086241/086242 -12th) - OPTION 2** May be taken each term. This TAG program option is designed for identified students who wish to be included in the program but have a limited amount of time in their daily schedule. Unless approval is granted for an extensive independent study project, this is a non-credit course, though students' participation in the program will be noted on each transcript. To receive this notation, a student must complete a minimum of one enrichment activity each term and meet weekly for a minimum of fifteen minutes as scheduled by the student and teacher.