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Social Science Distinction Award

FAQ's
What is a Social Science Distinction Award?

It is an honor given to graduating seniors who demonstrate achievement in the social sciences. This award may be used as an example of excellence for the college application process.

Who is eligible?

All students enrolled in O.P.H.S. are eligible for social science distinction.

What are the requirements to earn this distinction?

It is a distinction awarded to students who challenge themselves in social studies courses. Each student must earn six full social studies credits and carry a course average of 85% or better in each of the courses with accompanying teacher recommendation.

What Social Science courses may I take?

Students must take all New York State required social studies courses which are as follows: (4 credits)

Freshman Year- Global History 9 Regents or Advanced World History 9
Sophomore Year- Global History 10 Regents, Advanced Placement World History 10 or Advanced Placement European History
Junior Year- United States History and Government or Advanced Placement United States History
Senior Year- Economics, Corporate Economics, or Advanced Placement Macro Economics (these Senior year courses are ½ credit each)
Participation in Government or Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics

The grade appropriate elective courses offered in the social studies are as follows:

Freshman Year- Canadian Studies and History of Athletics
Sophomore Year-   America's Visual Edge, Canadian Studies, History of Athletics, Crime or Punishment in Society
Junior Year- America's Visual Edge Canadian Studies, History of Athletics, Crime or Punishment in Society, Psychology, and Sociology
Senior Year- America's Visual Edge Canadian Studies, History of Athletics, Honors Seminar, Human Rights, Crime or Punishment in Society, Psychology, and Sociology