



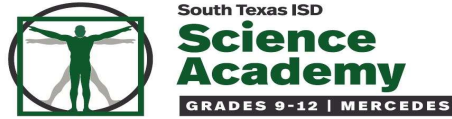
South Texas ISD

**Science
Academy**

GRADES 9-12 | MERCEDES

900 Med High Dr. Mercedes, TX
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Credits per Semester	.5 credit per semester
Instructor	<p>Instructor: Mrs. Myra Shelburne Conference Period: 4A and 3B Email: myra.shelburne@stisd.net</p>
Course Description/Objectives	<p>Description: Modern is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university modern world history course. In AP World History students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in four historical periods from approximately 1200 CE to the present. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical comparisons; and utilizing reasoning about contextualization, causation, and continuity and change over time. The course provides six themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: interaction between humans and the environment; cultural developments and interactions; governance; economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation.</p> <p>Objectives: The goals of the course are to develop the skills and the knowledge required for world historical inquiry.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will acquire knowledge of world history, including specific names, terms, and concepts, organized by the six AP World History: Modern themes. 2. Students will connect regional events and trends from around the world and be able to place these events into global contexts. 3. Students will develop a broad understanding of world historical dynamics through analysis of causation, periodization, and patterns of continuity and change over time. 4. Students will construct evidence-based historical arguments. 5. Students will compare the diversity of interpretations through contextualization, point of view, and frame of reference, in primary and secondary sources. 6. Students will develop an awareness of human commonalities and differences through interpretation and synthesis of primary and secondary sources.
Required Instructional Materials	<p>Access to It's Learning for class material and assignments. Access to Zoom for interaction with teacher and peers. Notebook or binder to maintain notes and information. Any additional material or guidance will be placed in It's Learning.</p>
Instructional Methods	<p>Lectures, multimedia elements, class discussions, projects, individual assignments, cooperative learning, etc.</p>



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Grading Procedures	<p>The academic year is divided into four quarters or nine-week periods. The weight for each nine-week period will be 37.5 percent and the semester exam will weigh 25 percent.</p> <p>There will be a minimum of 3 grades per student during each three weeks progress report grading period, as per district guidelines.</p> <p>This course will be comprised of 3 grading categories: Major Assessments 50%, Minor Assessments 30%, and Daily Work 20%.</p> <p>What constitutes major, minor, and daily work is determined per course. [Examples: major assessments= test, project; minor assessments=quiz, engineering notebook; and daily work= notes, maps, homework]</p>
Cell Phone and Technology Policy	<p>Students are allowed to bring their own technology devices (laptops, iPads, tablets, etc.) to school. Use of these devices in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher. Science Academy is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen devices.</p>
Assessments	<p>Frequently during the year, formative assessments will be given. These will be in the form of homework, written or oral quiz, readings and discussion, student writing, or tests. Feedback will be given on all formative assessments.</p> <p>The formative assessments are critical to learning because they provide feedback as to what essential learning we will focus on next. They will help influence and shape the process of learning while we still have time to improve before test or grades are given.</p>
Retesting Procedures	<p>Retests will be available to students upon receiving a failing grade. There may be prerequisites set by the teacher. The time and date for all retests is determined by the teacher. Any retesting assignment must be completed within one week of an excused absence.</p>
Homework & Late Assignments	<p>All assignments are due at the designated time. Homework is due at the beginning of the class hour.</p> <p>Late assignments due to absences: If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, the student shall receive a due date for the next class meeting. Assignments submitted electronically are due before the beginning of class time on the scheduled due date. Students who are absent on the day an assignment is given will need to turn in the assignment within the same time frame originally set by the teacher. Work turned in during this time shall receive full credit.</p>



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	Late assignments not due to absences: Late assignments should be turned in within a one-week period, but a deduction of 10 points will be applied per day (not class period).
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***All district guidelines/policies supersede campus guidelines/procedures/systems.**