STUDYWALKS · COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Sciences and History — High School Course with CLEP Preparation

This survey covers history, government, economics, geography, psychology and sociology in one course.

CREDIT LABEL	HOURS GOAL	STUDYWALKS LEARNING HOURS	SUGGESTED OFFLINE HOURS
1.0 credit	**120 h**	**28 h**	**92 h**
high school, with the study plan	the 1.0-credit convention	measured runtime plus assessment time	reading, review and writing

28 h StudyWalks (5.7 h of lessons, 16.1 h of lectures, 6.3 h of quizzes and exams) + **92 h** suggested offline study = **120 h**. 640 lessons in 16 units; prepares for the CLEP Social Sciences and History exam.

High school credit is granted by the homeschool parent under the state's rules. StudyWalks supplies the record: hours, scores and this syllabus. The credit label is a suggestion; the parent makes the final call.

Course contents

Unit	Title and lecture topics	Lessons	Lecture
1	**United States History I: Colonies to Reconstruction** Before the colonies · Colonies and their purposes · The road to independence · Building a republic · The first party era · Reading a document, and the market that reshaped the North · Jackson's era · Lines across the map · Reform and the broken truce · War, Reconstruction, and the chain	40	1 h 1 min (2 parts)
2	**United States History II: Industrialization to the Present** The last West · Industry, labor, city, ideas · Gilded Age politics and the farmers · Progressivism · Empire and the Great War · The twenties and the sample question · Crash and New Deal · The Second World War · The Cold War at home and abroad · The sixties · From the seventies to the present, and the thread	40	1 h 1 min (2 parts)
3	**Western Civilization I: The Ancient and Medieval West** Civilization and the Near East · The Greek city-state · Persia, war, and the Classical Age · Greek thought, Alexander, and the schools · Rome from Republic to Principate · Late Rome and its fall · Republic against Empire, and the empire that did not fall · Islam, the Latin Church, and the kingdoms · Manor, town, Crusade, school · Plague, classification, and the arc	40	1 h 1 min (2 parts)
4	**Western Civilization II: Renaissance to the Present** The Renaissance · New monarchies and the model state · The reformations · Wars, absolutism, and England's exception · Empires overseas · Science, Enlightenment, and the society of orders · Revolution, Napoleon, and industry · Cities and ideologies · Nations and empires · The world wars · The Cold War, decolonization, and the curve	40	1 h (2 parts)

Unit	Title and lecture topics	Lessons	Lecture
5	**World History I: Prehistory to 1500** Method · First peoples and first states · The Hebrews and the record · China and the steppes · India and Buddhism · The Chinese model, Delhi, and the Mediterranean · Rome to Late Antiquity · Post-Roman Europe · Africa · The Americas · Islam, the Mongols, the networks, and 1453	40	1 h (2 parts)
6	**World History II: 1400 to the Present** Asia after 1450 · The gunpowder empires · Europeans in Asia and Africa's trade · The Atlantic world · Mercantilism, colonies, and Britain's rise · Enlightenment and revolutions · Latin American independence · Industry, imperialism, and labor · The world wars and between · The Cold War, 1991, and the theme	40	1 h (2 parts)
7	**American Government I: Foundations, Federalism, Liberties, Rights** What government is and who governs · From the broken contract to the Constitution · Powers, ratification, and the Bill of Rights · Federalism and its instruments · Federalism refereed, and powers sorted · Civil liberties · Civil rights · The frame assembled	40	1 h (2 parts)
8	**American Government II: Congress, Presidency, Courts, States, Bureaucracy, Policy** Congress: chambers and members · Congress: leadership and process · The presidency: office, nomination, voice · The president's instruments · The judiciary · The Court at work · The states · The bureaucracy · Policy, the budget, and the checks in motion	40	1 h (2 parts)
9	**American Government III and Political Science: Opinion, Elections, Media, Parties, Groups; Method, Ideology, Regimes, the World** Opinion and polls · Voting and elections · Voters, direct democracy, and the media · Parties and groups · Pathways of influence · Political science's questions · Ideas and regimes · The world	40	1 h (2 parts)
10	**Geography I: Key Geographical Skills and Physical Geography** Geography's questions · Maps and tools · Location, region, and diffusion · The physical earth · Faults, magma, and tsunamis · Weathering, erosion, ice, and water · Oceans and sea level · Weather and climate · Köppen, change, and the signal	40	59 min (2 parts)
11	**Geography II: Population, Migration, Culture, Political Geography, Development** Population's measures · Transition, pyramid, capacity · Migration · Culture and language · Names and religion · Ethnicity and race · The state · Development	40	1 h (2 parts)
12	**Geography III: Agriculture, Industry, Settlement, Environment, and the World's Regions** Agriculture's forms · The Green Revolution and after · Industry · Rural and urban · The city's edge · Resources and environment · Farming classified · The world's regions · Clusters, inequality, and the framework	40	1 h (2 parts)
13	**Economics I: Scarcity, Markets, Elasticity, Firms, and Market Structure** What economics is · Choice and the frontier · Supply and demand · Controls, surplus, elasticity · Elasticities and utility · Costs · The price taker · Monopoly and the four structures	40	1 h 1 min (2 parts)
14	**Economics II: Labor and Income; GDP, Growth, Unemployment, Inflation; Money, the Fed, Exchange Rates, Fiscal Policy** Labor markets · GDP · Growth · Unemployment · Inflation · Inflation's effects · Money and banks · The Fed · Exchange rates · Fiscal policy	40	1 h 1 min (2 parts)

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15	**Economics III: Trade Balances, AD/AS, the Keynesian and Neoclassical Perspectives, International Trade, Protectionism, and the Major Theorists** Trade balances · The AD/AS model · The Keynesian perspective · The neoclassical return · The neoclassical case and the balance · Trade and its gains · Protectionism · The theorists · One recession, two diagnoses	40	1 h 1 min (2 parts)
16	**Capstone: Four Bands, One Exam** Sample questions one to five · Sample questions six to ten · The joins begin · The joins, federalism to the Green Revolution · Which band, and four methods · The exam's shape · The record	40	1 h 2 min (2 parts)

Assessment and grading

- **Unit quizzes.** 16 quizzes, 10 questions each, checked as the student goes, each answer with the lesson to review. Untimed; retakes are unlimited.
- **Mid exam.** 50 questions on units 1–8, drawn fresh each time and scored at the end with a breakdown by content area. Untimed; retakes are unlimited.
- **Final exam.** 120 questions, 90 minutes, on the whole course. Scored 20–80; 50 passes (80 of 120 correct, about 67%). Retakes are unlimited with a 24-hour wait, each a fresh draw.

Suggested composite grade

Part	Weight
Unit quizzes (average of best scores)	20%
Mid exam (best score)	20%
Final exam (percent correct)	60%

Suggested letter scale

Letter	Composite
A	90–100
B	80–89
C	70–79
D	60–69
F	below 60

Suggested; the parent sets the grade. A passing final is the completion standard for the course record.

Study plan

The 92 offline hours are spread over the units in proportion to each unit's StudyWalks time. For each unit: read the matching sections of an open textbook on the subject, review the unit quiz misses, and write a one-page unit summary. Log the time as you go.

Unit	Title	StudyWalks	Offline, suggested	Unit total
1	United States History I: Colonies to Reconstruction	1 h 22 min	5 h 45 min	7 h 7 min
2	United States History II: Industrialization to the Present	1 h 23 min	5 h 50 min	7 h 13 min
Lessons and lectures		**21 h 50 min**	**92 h**	**113 h 50 min**
Quizzes, mid exam and final (stated time)		**6 h 18 min**	**—**	**6 h 18 min**

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3	Western Civilization I: The Ancient and Medieval West	1 h 23 min	5 h 50 min	7 h 13 min
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5	World History I: Prehistory to 1500	1 h 22 min	5 h 45 min	7 h 7 min
6	World History II: 1400 to the Present	1 h 21 min	5 h 45 min	7 h 6 min
7	American Government I: Foundations, Federalism, Liberties, Rights	1 h 21 min	5 h 40 min	7 h 1 min
8	American Government II: Congress, Presidency, Courts, States, Bureaucracy, Policy	1 h 22 min	5 h 45 min	7 h 7 min
9	American Government III and Political Science: Opinion, Elections, Media, Parties, Groups; Method, Ideology, Regimes, the World	1 h 21 min	5 h 40 min	7 h 1 min
10	Geography I: Key Geographical Skills and Physical Geography	1 h 20 min	5 h 40 min	7 h
11	Geography II: Population, Migration, Culture, Political Geography, Development	1 h 21 min	5 h 40 min	7 h 1 min
12	Geography III: Agriculture, Industry, Settlement, Environment, and the World's Regions	1 h 22 min	5 h 45 min	7 h 7 min
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15	Economics III: Trade Balances, AD/AS, the Keynesian and Neoclassical Perspectives, International Trade, Protectionism, and the Major Theorists	1 h 22 min	5 h 45 min	7 h 7 min
16	Capstone: Four Bands, One Exam	1 h 24 min	5 h 55 min	7 h 19 min
Lessons and lectures		**21 h 50 min**	**92 h**	**113 h 50 min**
Quizzes, mid exam and final (stated time)		**6 h 18 min**	**—**	**6 h 18 min**

Unit times are the unit's lecture runtime plus its lessons at the course's measured average lesson length; totals can differ from the learning hours by rounding.

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