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Ethnic & Gender Studies Classes Offered by SMJHSD

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Santa Maria, CA – Ethnic & Gender studies classes for the 2018-2019 school year are now available for students in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District. Using literature, music, poetry, film, guest speakers and field trips, students explore questions such as “Who am I?” and “How is Latino culture and history different from African, Native and European histories?”

The classes offered at Santa Maria High School are *Mexican American and Latina/o Literature*, *Chicano/Latino Studies* and *Ethnic and Social Justice in U.S. History*. Righetti High School is offering *Identity and Culture for Spanish Speakers 3* and *History of the Mexican-American*. *Cine y Teatro for Spanish Speakers 3* and *Ethnic and Social Justice in U.S. History* are offered at Pioneer Valley High School.

The Ethnic & Gender studies curriculum is supported by the Fund for Santa Barbara, LULAC, CAUSE, the North County Coalition, NAACP-Santa Maria/Lompoc chapter and the Democratic Club of Santa Maria Valley.

All the Ethnic & Gender Studies classes are graduation credit courses. Students can register NOW by talking with their counselor.

Righetti High School
Ethnic & Gender Studies Courses
2018-2019 School Year

Subject: Foreign Language

Identity and Culture for Spanish Speakers 3

Grades: all Prerequisites: Intro to Spanish for Spanish Speakers Units: 10 (full year)

Graduation credit: Yes! "a-g" Colleague Credit: Yes! Subject Area "e"

What is this Course About?

In this course students will further develop their language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking Spanish. This course will provide a forum in which grammar and vocabulary will be taught in the context of interpretation and analysis of current events, Spanish literature, film, media, culture, immigration, and Latin American history. By studying the histories of Latinos in the United States, students will cultivate respect and empathy for individuals and solidarity with groups of people locally, nationally, and globally so as to foster active social engagement and community building. In addition, students will be able to discuss their identities, including race, ethnicity, culture, and gender.

Subject: Social Science (History)

History 120: History of the Mexican-American

Grades: 11th and 12th Units: 3 (1/2 year)

Concurrent Enrollment: Yes! This is a college-credit bearing course taught to high school students. Earn college credits while still in high school!

What is this Course About?

A historical survey of the Mexican-American residing in the southwest United States. Reviews the social, economic and political development from the Pre-Columbian period to present, including the interrelationship between histories of the United States and Mexico

See your Counselor to Register!

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Subject: English	<p>Mexican American and Latina/o Literature</p> <p><u>Grades:</u> 12th <u>Prerequisites:</u> English 1, English 2 and English 3 <u>Units:</u> 10 (full year)</p> <p><u>Graduation credit:</u> Yes! Counts as your 4th year of English</p> <p><u>"a-g" College Credit:</u> Yes! Subject Area "b"</p> <p><u>What is this Course About?</u> Can you name at least 5 American authors who are of Mexican, Central American or of other Latino backgrounds? Have you ever heard of Gloria Anzaldua, Jose Antonio Burciaga, Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez or Cherrie Moraga? Do you know where "corridos" come from or why some Latinos still speak Spanish or Mixteco, while others do not? If you are interested in these topics and more, then this English class is for you! We will use books, poetry, novels, dramas, and short stories written by Latino Americans to explore issues of identity, tradition, migration, borders, language, and indigenous roots in the Latino community. After taking this class you will have an understanding of the richness and diversity that Mexican Americans and other Latino cultures have to offer.</p>
Subject: Social Science (History)	<p>Chicano/Latino Studies</p> <p><u>Grades:</u> 10th, 11th, 12th <u>Prerequisites:</u> none <u>Units:</u> 10 (full year)</p> <p><u>Graduation Credit:</u> Yes! Counts towards your electives</p> <p><u>"a-g" College Credit:</u> Yes! Subject Area "g"</p> <p><u>What is this Course About?</u> Learn the history and culture of California's largest group. Understand the importance of Latino heroes and sheroes and how you can make a difference in your community. Santa Maria High School is over 90% Latina/o, yet very few of the World or US History Standards actually talk about Mexicans or Latinos. Using literature, music, poetry, film, art, guest speakers, and field trips, we will explore questions such as: Who am I? What does it mean to be Latina/o, Mexican, Hispanic, American, Chicana/o, Mexican-American, <i>Indio</i>, <i>Mestizo</i>, etc.? Interested in the class? <i>Tell your counselor you want to take course number SS6007/SS6008 as your #1 elective.</i></p>
Subject: Social Science (History)	<p>Ethnic and Social Justice in US History</p> <p><u>Grades:</u> 11th <u>Prerequisites:</u> World History <u>Units:</u> 10 (full year)</p> <p><u>Graduation credit:</u> Yes! Counts as your Junior year of History</p> <p><u>"a-g" College Credit:</u> Yes! Subject Area "a"</p> <p><u>What is this Course About?</u> Would you like to learn more about the experiences of underrepresented groups in our society? Then this 11th grade US History class is for you! This is a US history course that studies the history of the United States through the lens of underrepresented groups such as: Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and Women. This "Ethnic and Social Justice in US History" class is about honoring their struggles and achievements through their lens. Here is your chance to study their contributions to American society.</p>

**Register on your Aeries Student Portal or
 Talk to your Counselor!**

**Pioneer Valley High School
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Cine y Teatro for Spanish Speakers 2

Subject: Foreign Language

Grades: 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th

Units: 10 (full year)

Graduation credit: Yes! Counts as a foreign language

"a-g" College Credit: Yes! Subject Area "e"

What is this Course About?

In this Spanish course, students will explore issues of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and class through a critical analysis of film and theater.

Ethnic and Social Justice in US History

Subject: Social Science (History)

Grades: 11th

Prerequisites: World History

Units: 10 (full year)

Graduation credit: Yes! Counts as your Junior year of History

"a-g" College Credit: Yes! Subject Area "a"

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