

# Social Studies

D E P A R T M E N T



## Faculty

**Ellen Downer, Chair**  
BA College of St. Rose  
MA Wright State University  
28 years of experience

**Marcus Colvin**  
BS University of Dayton  
12 years of experience

**Tony Ricciuto '74**  
BS University of Dayton  
36 years of experience

**Angela Ruffolo**  
BS University of Dayton  
EdS University of Dayton  
22 years of experience

**Jim Sparrow**  
BA Hiram College  
MA Case Western Reserve University  
MA University of Dayton  
32 years of experience

**Joe Staley '72**  
BA Wright State University  
EdS, MSE University of Dayton  
39 years of experience

**John Zaidain '68**  
BS University of Dayton  
MS Miami University  
43 years of service

## Department Highlights

- ✓ The social studies program offers five advanced placement and honors courses; AP courses can result in college credits.
- ✓ Students can travel as part of the program. Trips include:
  - Senior trip to Washington D.C.
  - Colonial Williamsburg
  - Immersion trips to Germany and Italy
  - History immersion experiences
- ✓ Many cultural opportunities are opened up through courses offered in the social studies department. Through programs and courses offered by this department, students can:
  - attend Junior Council of World Affairs (JCOWA) youth forums, exchange programs and immersion trips
  - participate in the Holocaust Remembrance program
  - work in teams in economics classes to plan, publicize and raise money for charities through the CJ Apprentice Project
  - participate in the U.S. Air Force Museum Holocaust program
  - volunteer at “Youth at the Booth” sites voting polls and with public servants through government class, and
  - improve their public speaking and research skills by being a member of the Mock Trial team.

## Courses

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| Advanced Placement    | World History                        |
| American Studies      | College Preparatory American Studies |
| Advanced Placement    | College Preparatory Economics        |
| European History      | College Preparatory Psychology       |
| Advanced Placement    | College Preparatory Sociology        |
| Government            | College Preparatory Government       |
| Advanced Placement    | College Preparatory                  |
| Psychology            | The American Presidency              |
| Honors World Cultures | College Preparatory                  |
| College Preparatory   | Post World War II America            |
| World Cultures        |                                      |