

**Bev Facey: Social Studies
Recommendations for Success for Grade 9 Students**

HIGH SCHOOL SKILLS

To be successful in high school Social Studies students will need to develop a strong vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Analytical skills, the ability to synthesize information and understandings from multiple sources and perspectives, and evaluative skills are also keys in being successful. These will be developed through research projects that go into depth on subject matter. Strong writing skills are an important component of high school Social Studies courses. Rather than simple recall and fill-in-the-blank activities, students will think critically about the content they are learning.

GRADE 10 COURSE OPTIONS

For students entering grade 10, there are four sequences from which to enroll: Social Studies 10-1, Social Studies 10-2, Social Studies 10-4, and Social Studies 10-1 Advanced Placement. Students achieving 65% or higher should enroll in Social Studies 10-1, and for those with a strong interest in Social Studies, honors marks, and a strong work ethic, Social Studies 10-1 Advanced Placement should be considered. For those achieving less than 65%, Social Studies 10-2 or Social Studies 10-4 (Knowledge and Employability) provide the alternative sequence.

FULL SEQUENCING

Social Studies -1: This stream is designed for students seeking entrance to university, notably for faculties such as Arts.

Social Studies -2: This stream provides the minimal requirement for an Alberta High School Diploma, and its successful completion is accepted as a pre-requisite for some colleges and trade schools.