



***Department of Teaching & Learning***  
***Parent/Student Course Information***

***World History and Geography 1500 – Present***  
***(SO 2340)***  
***One World Studies credit, One year***  
***Grade 10***

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

World History and Geography 1500 - Present examines the development of Western and non-Western civilizations from 1500 A.D. to the present. Emphasis is placed on identifying the significant individuals, events and ideas that shaped the historical development of cultures and evolution of nations, historical concepts, political and economic systems, cultural and religious differences are identified and examined. Emphasis is also placed on refining student skills in historical investigation and research, oral and written communication and analysis of data and sources. Current events are examined to emphasize the increasing interdependence of nations. Students will take the SOL test for World History Since 1500 A.D. or a substitute test approved by the State Board of Education. See the Student Guide for information about substitute tests. Specific dates for the SOL test will be announced by the school.

**PREREQUISITE**

None

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

Following the successful completion of World History and Geography 1500 - Present students may select World Geography, Virginia and United States History or Advanced Placement United States History.

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

The teacher may choose to supplement textbooks with materials to extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from Gale resources, which is a set of online resource databases, as well as daily news, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

**STANDARDS OF LEARNING  
WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY 1500 - PRESENT**

Please follow the link below to view the standards for World History and Geography since 1500 from the Virginia Department of Education Website.

**[WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY 1500 - PRESENT](#)**

Aaron C. Spence, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools  
2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-0038

Produced by the Department of Teaching and Learning.  
For further information, please call (757) 263-1070

*Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy*

*Virginia Beach City Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation/gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, disability, marital status, age, genetic information or veteran status in its programs, activities, employment, or enrollment, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. School Board policies and regulations (including, but not limited to, Policies 2-33, 4-4, 5-7, 5-19, 5-20, 5-44, 6-33, 6-7, 7-48, 7-49, 7-57 and Regulations 4-4.1, 4-4.2, 5-44.1, 7-11.1, 7-17.1 and 7-57.1) provide equal access to courses, programs, enrollment, counseling services, physical education and athletic, vocational education, instructional materials, extracurricular activities and employment.*

*Title IX Notice: Complaints or concerns regarding discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual harassment should be addressed to the Title IX Coordinator, at the VBCPS Office of Student Leadership, 641 Carriage Hill Road, Suite 200, Virginia Beach, 23452, (757) 263-2020, [Mary.Dees@vbschools.com](mailto:Mary.Dees@vbschools.com) (student complaints) or the VBCPS Department of School Leadership, 2512 George Mason Drive, Municipal Center, Building 6, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456 (757) 263-1088, [Elizabeth.Bryant@vbschools.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Bryant@vbschools.com) (employee complaints). Additional information regarding Virginia Beach City Public Schools' policies regarding discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual harassment, as well as the procedures for filing a formal complaint and related grievance processes, can be found in School Board Policy 5-44 and School Board Regulations 5-44.1 (students), School Board Policy 4-4 and School Board Regulation 4-4.3 (employees), and on the School Division's website at Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Title IX. Concerns about the application of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should be addressed to the Section 504 Coordinator/Executive Director of Student Support Services at (757) 263-1980, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456 or the Section 504 Coordinator at the student's school. For students who are eligible or suspected of being eligible for special education or related services under IDEA, please contact the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at (757) 263-2400, Plaza Annex/Family and Community Engagement Center, 641 Carriage Hill Road, Suite 200, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.*

*The School Division is committed to providing educational environments that are free of discrimination, harassment, and bullying. Students, staff, parents/guardians who have concerns about discrimination, harassment, or bullying should contact the school administration at their school. Promptly reporting concerns will allow the school to take appropriate actions to investigate and resolve issues. School Board Policy 5-7 addresses non-discrimination and anti-harassment, Policy 5-44 addresses sexual harassment and discrimination based on sex or gender. Policy 5-36 and its supporting regulations address other forms of harassment.*

*Alternative formats of this publication which may include taped, Braille, or large print materials are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Call or write Kristine Troch, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, 2512 George Mason Drive, P.O. Box 6038, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-0038. Telephone 263-1070 (voice); fax 263-1424; 263-1240 (TDD) or email him/her at [Kristine.Troch@vbschools.com](mailto:Kristine.Troch@vbschools.com).*

*vbschools.com  
your virtual link to Hampton Roads' largest school system*



No part of this publication may be produced or shared in any form without giving specific credit to Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

(August 2021)