



Dominican International School

台北市私立道明外僑學校

No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.

10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025 - 2026
Subject	Social Studies
Grade Level	Grade 4
Teacher	Mr. Isaac Kim
Email	ikim@dishs.tp.edu.tw

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Social Studies course for Grade 4 has been designed to help students build geography skills and an understanding of the world they live in. Students will be motivated to find out historical facts and events that have occurred in the United States, Taiwan, and many other countries of our world. This course also empowers students to discover government structure and understand the meaning of being responsible citizens of the world, Taiwan, and the Dominican International School.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester/school year, (SWAT) Students will be able to:

- 1) Understand geography of the USA & Taiwan, and how it affects the way we live (weather, climate, regions and people)
- 2) Discover the history of Americans and Taiwanese through government principles; rights and responsibilities and past historical events that have shaped both nations.
- 3) Explain how the economy meets our needs and wants.
- 4) Explore the different regions of America: Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, and the West. Explore the regions of Taiwan.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

- **TEXT: L.B. Bennet, J. B. Kracht 12/2021**

Social Studies- United States Regions- My World Interactive 4

ISBN-13: 978-0-328-97311-8 ISBN-10: 0-328-97311-4



Dominican International School

台北市私立道明外僑學校

No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.

10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



● LINKS:

1. Our school website: <http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw/>
2. Publisher's website: <https://www.savvasrealize.com/#/>
3. Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary <http://www.m-w.com/home.htm>

GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

- 1) **Class participation, Homework, Quizzes and Tests** (30% of quarterly grade)
- 2) **Major Projects and Assignments** (30% of quarterly grade)
- 3) **Quarterly Exams** (30% of quarterly grade)
- 4) **Department Marks** (10% of quarterly grade)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

- 1) Be on time to class; be seated **before** the bell rings.
- 2) Wear your uniform neatly.
- 3) Use English at all times.
- 4) Be respectful of others (especially when speaking), and of school property.
- 5) Do your best and participate in discussions.

HOMEWORK RULES

- 1) All homework should be handed in on the due date.
- 2) All homework should be done according to the directions/instructions given.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to



Dominican International School

台北市私立道明外僑學校

No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.

10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



attribute content to an AI.

- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.

First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (August 12 to 15) <u>4 days of class</u> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Routines/Procedures. <u>Ch. 1:Geography of the United States</u> Lesson 1- Lands and Regions of the U.S.
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	<u>Ch. 1: Geography of the United States</u> Lesson 1- Lands and Regions of the U.S.
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Lesson 1- Lands and Regions of Taiwan Lesson 2-Weather and Climate of Taiwan
Week 4 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	Lesson 2- Weather and Climate of the U.S.
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Lesson 3- Regions and Resources of the U.S.
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	Lesson 3-Resources of Taiwan Lesson 4- People and the Land of Taiwan



Dominican International School

台北市私立道明外僑學校

No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.

10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace- Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26-Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	Lesson 4- People and the Land of the U.S.
Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	Ch. 1 Review and Assessment Exam and/or Project Preparations First Quarter Exams (Half-days)
<i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i>	

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	
Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	<u>Ch. 2: Americans and their History</u> Lesson 1- America and Europe
Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)	Lesson 2- A New Nation (U.S.)
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Lesson 1- Ancient Taiwan through the 1800s Lesson 2- Taiwan: 1895-1945 Japanese Occupation



Dominican International School

台北市私立道明外僑學校

No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.

10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	Lesson 3- Growth and Civil War (U.S.)
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Lesson 3- Positive Results of the Japanese Occupation of Taiwan
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	Lesson 4- The US Becomes a World Power
Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	Lesson 4- More Positive Developments of the Japanese Occupation Lesson 5-The Taiwan Economic Miracle: One of Four Asian Tigers
<i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i>	
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	Lesson 5- The US Since World War II
Week 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	Ch. 2 Review and Assessment Exam and/or Project Preparations Second Quarter Exams (Half-days)
<i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i>	
<i>December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break</i>	

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content



Dominican International School
 台北市私立道明外僑學校
 No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.
 10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i>	
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	<u>Ch. 3: Government in the United States</u> <i>Lesson 1- Principles of Our Government (U.S.)</i> Q3 Project Information Explanation
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Ch. 3: Government in the United States Lesson 1- Principles of Our Government (U.S.)
Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Lesson 2- How Our Government Works (U.S.)
Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	Lesson 3- Our Rights and Responsibilities (U.S.)
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS	Lesson 1-Principles of Taiwan's Government Lesson 2- How Taiwan's Government Works Lesson 3- Taiwanese Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities
Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	Q3 Project Presentations
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (26)	Q3 Project Presentations (if needed)



Dominican International School

台北市私立道明外僑學校

No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.

10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



(February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	<i>Possible IOWA Assessments</i>
<i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i>	
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	Ch. 3 Review and Assessment Ch 3 Social Studies Exam
Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	Exam Preparations Third Quarter Exams (Half-days)

Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	<u>Ch. 4: The Nation's Economy</u> Lesson 1- What is the Economy? (U.S.)
<i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i>	
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	Lesson 1- What is Taiwan's Economy?
<i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i>	
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Lesson 2- Trade and Markets (U.S.)
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17)	



Dominican International School
 台北市私立道明外僑學校
 No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.
 10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	Lesson 2-Taiwan's Trade and Markets
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	Lesson 3- People and the Economy (U.S.)
Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	Lesson 3- Taiwan's People and their Economy Lesson 4- Taiwan's Position in the Global Economy
May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday	
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	Lesson 4- A Global Economy (U.S.)
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	Ch. 4 Review and Assessment Exam and/or Project Preparations Wednesday & Thursday Exams (Half-day)
May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes	
Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn	Ancillary Learning Activities Various School Events/Activities/Graduations



Dominican International School
台北市私立道明外僑學校
No. 76, Dazhi Street, Taipei (104042), Taiwan, R.O.C.
10464 臺北市中山區大直街 76 號



Over Ceremony	
Week 10 (38) (May 25 to 29) 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, & Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting	Ancillary Learning Activities Various School Events/Activities/Graduations

“Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán”