

COURSE: Explorations in Social Studies 11 (EPS11)

INSTRUCTOR

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RECOMMENDED PRE-REQUISITES

Social Studies 10

CREDITS

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OVERVIEW

The Big Ideas, Content, and Curricular Competencies for this course can be found here: [Explorations in Social Studies 11](#)

Big Ideas

Rapid industrialization, urbanization, and economic growth in Asia in the late 20th century have created complex social, political, and environmental challenges (adapted from Asian Studies 12 – 1850-present).	Cultural expressions convey the richness, diversity, and resiliency of B.C. First Peoples (from B.C. First Peoples 12).	Understanding the diversity and complexity of cultural expressions in one culture enhances our understanding of other cultures (from Comparative Cultures 12).	Physical features and natural resources influence demographic patterns and population distribution (adapted from Human Geography 12).	Understanding how political decisions are made is critical to being an informed and engaged citizen (from Political Studies 12).	The rapid development and proliferation of communication and transportation technologies in the 20th century led to profound changes in personal and national identities (adapted from 20th Century World History 12).	Indigenous peoples are reclaiming mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being despite the continuing effects of colonialism (from Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12).
Religion can powerfully shape social, political, legal, and environmental values (from Comparative World Religions 12).	The implementation of economic theories has profound effects on social and political decision making and movements (from Economic Theory 12).	The intentional destruction of peoples and their cultures is not inevitable, and such attempts can be disrupted and resisted (from Genocide Studies 12).	A society's laws and legal framework affect many aspects of people's daily lives (from Law Studies 12).	Examining questions in philosophy allows people to question their assumptions and better understand their own beliefs (from Philosophy 12).	Social justice initiatives can transform individuals and systems (from Social Justice 12).	Decision making in urban and regional planning requires balancing political, economic, social, and environmental factors (from Urban Studies 12).

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Social Studies 11 studies Canada in the 20th Century including the social, cultural, political, legal, economic, and environmental issues facing Canadians. Students will look at the Canadian and global citizenship and the standing of Canada in the world community. It looks at what defines the Canadian identity and the roles, rights, and responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society. This includes the fundamental principles of law in Canada and Canada's regional, cultural, and ethnic diversity.

ASSESSMENT

Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their learning through a variety of means such as tests, quizzes, reflections, written assignments and projects.

Item	Weight
Quizzes	10%
Section Assignments	40%
Unit Tests	30%
Projects	10%
Learning Guides	10%

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