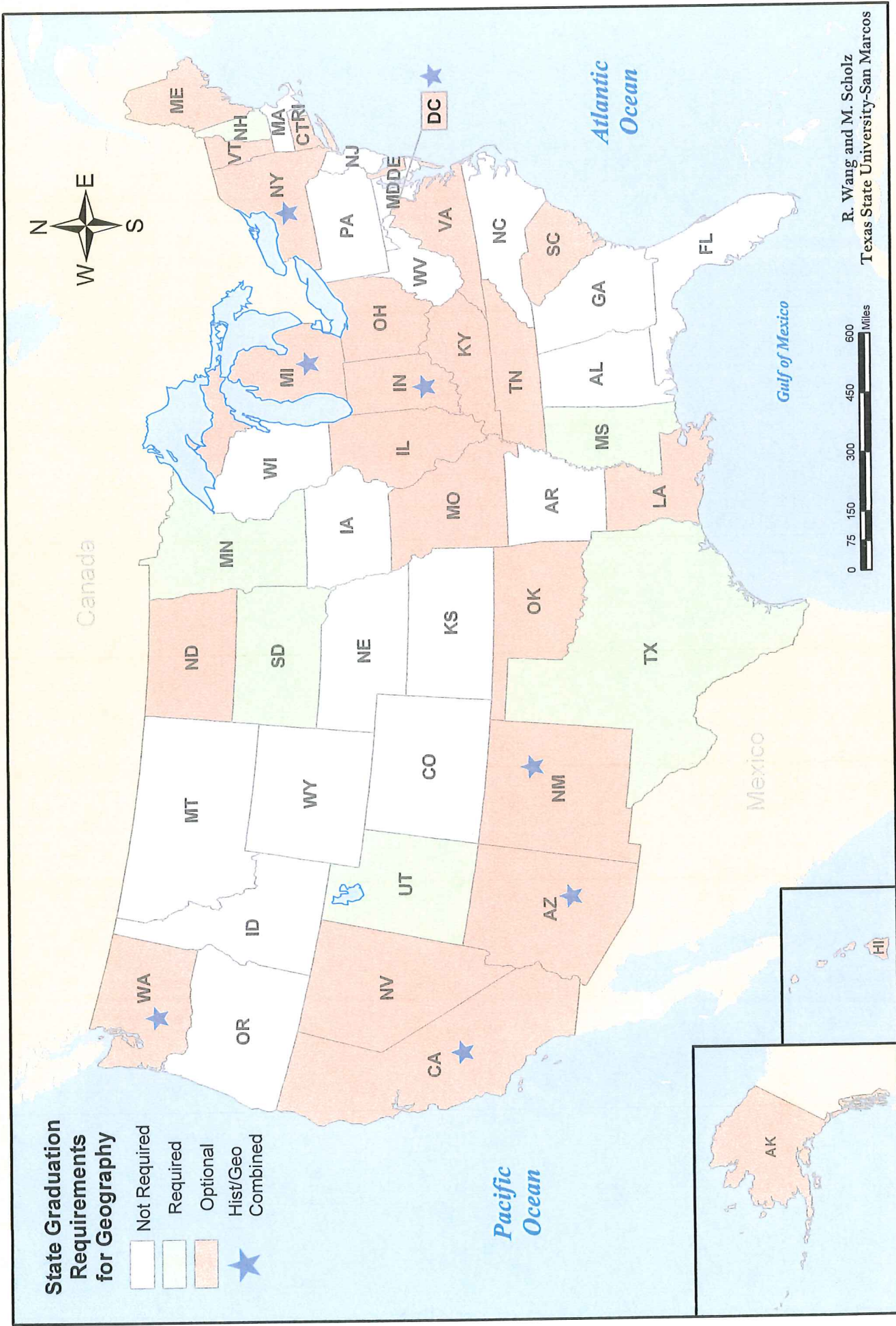
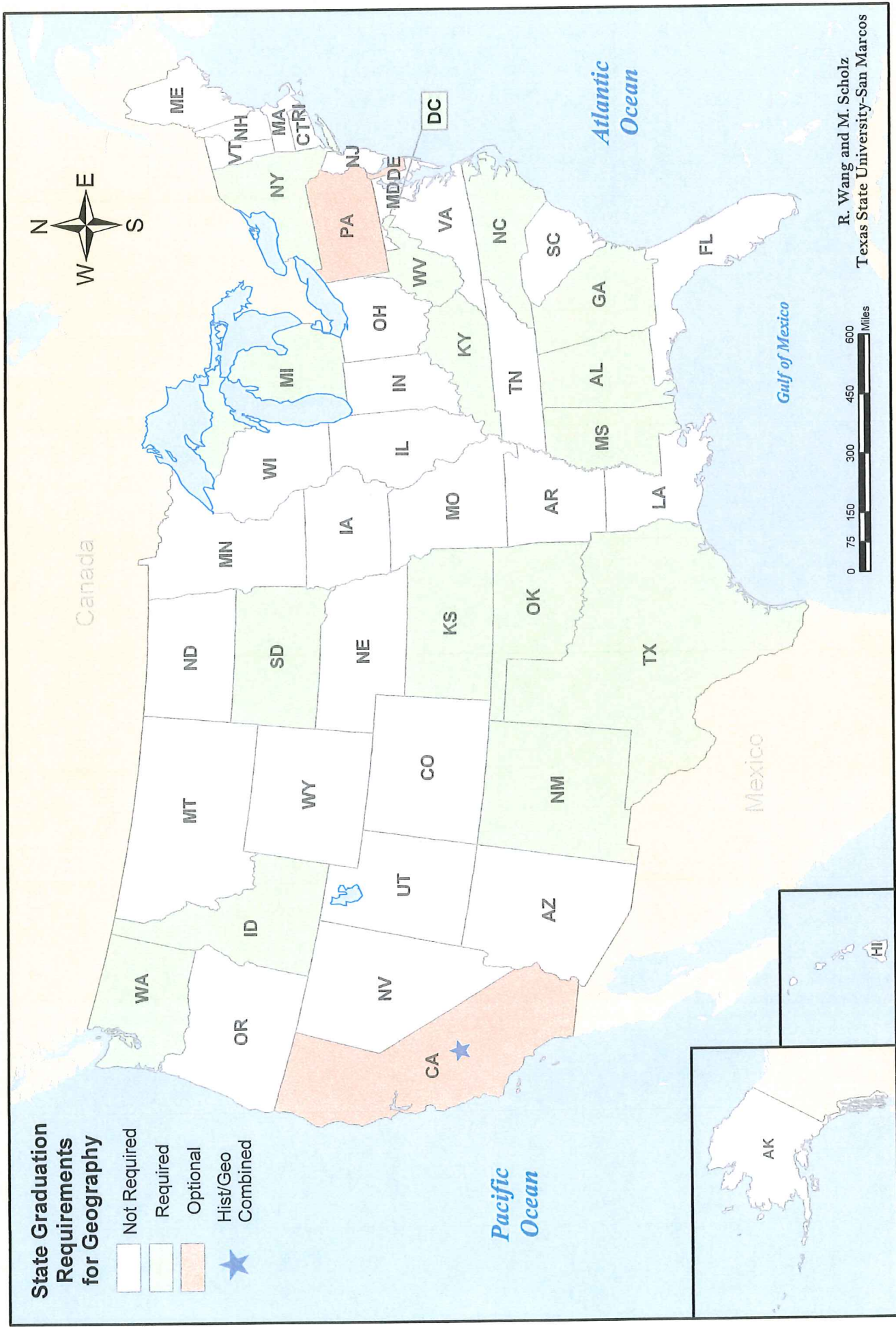


State
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High School Geography Requirements



Middle School Geography Requirements

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State	MS Req	HS Req
Alabama	Y	N
Alaska	N*	Y*
Arizona	N	Y**
Arkansas	N	N
California	Y**	Y**
Colorado	N*	N*
Connecticut	N	Y*
Delaware	Y**	Y**
Florida	N	N
Georgia	Y	N
Hawaii	N	Y*
Idaho	Y	N
Illinois	N	Y*
Indiana	N	Y*
Iowa	N	N
Kansas	Y	N
Kentucky	Y	Y**
Louisiana	N	Y*
Maine	N	Y*
Maryland	N	N
Massachusetts	N*	N*
Michigan	Y	Y**
Minnesota	N*	Y
Mississippi	Y	Y
Missouri	N	Y*
Montana	N*	N*
Nebraska	N*	N*
Nevada	N*	Y*

State	MS Req	HS Req
New Hampshire	N	Y
New Jersey	N	N
New Mexico	Y	Y**
New York City	Y	Y*
North Carolina	Y	N
North Dakota	N*	Y*
Ohio	N	Y*
Oklahoma	Y	Y*
Oregon	N*	N*
Pennsylvania	Y**	N
Rhode Island	N*	N*
South Carolina	N	Y*
South Dakota	Y	Y
Tennessee	N	Y*
Texas	Y	Y
Utah	N	Y
Vermont	N	Y*

State	MS Req	HS Req
Washington D.C.	Y	Y**
West Virginia	Y	N
Wisconsin	N*	N*
Wyoming	N*	N
Virginia	N	Y*
Washington	Y	Y**

Y*: Optional.

There is a choice between World History and Geography or Geography can be chosen as an elective.

Y**: State requires geography as part of a Social Studies Course..

N*: Local Control

MS Total: Y: 19 N: 31

HS Total: Y: 31 N: 19

State Middle School and High School Geography Requirements

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Alabama	<p>Grade 6: US History 1877 to present</p> <p>Grade 7: ½ year Citizenship and ½ year geography</p> <p>Grade 8: World History to 1500</p>	<p>4 Social Studies credits (cr):</p> <p>Grade 9: 1cr World History 1500 to present</p> <p>Grade 10: 1 cr U.S. History to 1877</p> <p>Grade 11: 1 cr US History 1877 to present</p> <p>Grade 12: 1/2 cr Economics and 1/2 cr US Government</p>	<p>A 1/2 year credit of geography is required in middle school.</p> <p>Geography is not required in high school.</p>	<p>Middle School: Geography (7th grade) Geography: Honors/Advanced Level (7th grade)</p> <p>High School: Geology Environmental Science Environmental Systems Aquascience Marine Science Earth & Space Science IB World Geography Human Geography SL, IB Geography Elective</p>	There is a Geography strand in every Social Studies course K-12.	There are 173, 376 students enrolled in grades 6-8. Geography is required in 7th grade, so these students have already taken, will take, or were enrolled in 2009 in geography	Historically, the status of geography "has been basically the same as it is now" with the same course sequence since 1998.	<p>Alabama High School Graduation Requirements: http://www.fcs.k12.al.us/Charting%20Course%202005-06/Converted%20Pages/AlaHighSchoolGradRequirementsPagesItoIII.doc</p> <p>Graduation Requirements http://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Policies/Pages/I/HHF-GRADUATION_REQUIREMENTS.htm http://diplomaguide.com/articles/Earning_Your_High_School_Diploma_-_Alabama.html http://www.ache.state.al.us/students&parents/hsgrad.htm</p> <p>Course of Study: https://docs.alsde.edu/documents/55/social%20studies%20course%20of%20study%20presentation%201_28_10.pdf</p> <p>Course List: http://www.alsde.edu/datacol/</p> <p>Frameworks: http://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/documents.asp?section=54&sort=5&footer=sections</p>	<p>Email sent to Mrs. Cynthia Brown, cbrown@alsde.edu Spoke with Netty Mullins, Social Studies Specialist</p> <p>Ms. Mullins suggested that I contact the Help Desk (334-353-1250 and helpdesk@alsde.edu) for enrollment statistics. Help Desk said the service was free. Ms. Mullins said that Geography courses include a 3rd grade course, 7th grade ½ semester, AP Human Geography, and IB Geography. (334) 242-9700</p> <p>Other Contacts: http://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/section_detail.asp?section=54 http://www.alsde.edu/html/contact.asp?footer=general</p>

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Alaska	This decision is made at the School District level.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US government 1/2 cr Alaskan History 1 ½ Credit Electives	Geography is not required in middle school and high school, but could be taken as an elective to fulfill the graduation requirement.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no suggested state course list.	No separate Geography strands are listed within History course standards.	The Alaska Department of Education does not track the enrollment of students by course.	Historically, Geography has never been required.	Alaska Content Standards http://www.eed.state.ak.us/standards/pdf/standards.pdf Alaska Graduation Requirements http://www.eed.state.ak.us/faq.html#A8	John Payden Administrator for State Support ph 907-465-2800
Arizona	Grade 6: World History Early Civilization to the Enlightenment Grade 7: US History Civil War to the Great Depression Grade 8: US and World History WWII to Present/ US Government and the Constitution.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US History 1 cr World History/Geography 1/2 cr Government 1/2 cr Economics Note: Geography and World History could be separated into two 1/2 credit courses.	Geography is required with World History or as a separate 1/2 year course in high school.	World History/Geography The State does not determine electives.	No separate Geography strands are listed within History course standards.	The Arizona Department of Education does not track the enrollment of students by course.	Historically, Geography has never been required.	Graduation Requirement: http://www.azed.gov/stateboard/Gradrequirements.asp The Geography course offered is in conjunction with the World History course. Some school districts may opt to provide two separate courses. Graduation Requirement statement made without an official record of graduation changes, based on memory. US and World History WWII to Present/ US Government and the Constitution. They do not specify if this is taught in one course or two separate courses.	Vince Yanez Executive Director Arizona State Board of Education Carol Warren Social Studies Specialist carol.warren@azed.gov
Arkansas	No specific course requirement for middle school. School districts are only required to cover the Social Studies content in the four strands of geography, civics, history, and economics	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr Civics 1 cr US History 1 cr World History	Geography is not required in middle school or high school.	High School: World Geography School districts may offer other geography courses with state approval.	There is a separate geography strand listed for Arkansas History course & Geography course. There is no geography strand for World History.	Data not available.	According to the Social Studies Specialist, Geography has not been required for the last 20 years.	Arkansas Curriculum Framework http://arkansased.org/educators/curriculum/frameworks.html#Social There is no geography strand for World History, however the standards lists migration & settlement as content topics. The Contemporary History course lists changing culture, race & ethnicity, and environment as important content.	Sheree Baird Social Studies Specialist. (Ms. Baird provided information regarding Middle school Social Studies requirements and information about the history of Geography in Arkansas.)

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California	Grade 5: U.S. History and Geography Grade 6-7 World History Grade 8: World History and Geography	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US history and Geography 1 cr World History /Culture/Geography 1/2 cr Economics 1/2 cr Government	Geography content embedded in History courses in high school and middle school. It is only required as a combined course	High School Electives: Physical Geography World Regional Area Studies.	No Geography strands are specified within History - Social Studies strands.	Physical Geography: 28.2 students per course. (29,702 students in 1054 classes) Cultural Geography: 27.9 students per course. (46,817 students enrolled in 1,681 classes)	Geography has never been required.	Graduation Requirements: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/hsgtable.asp , standards www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/documents/histsocsciframe.pdf The California standards are called the History-Social Studies Standards. There is geography content embedded within these standards. Also in the introduction Geography strands are shown in a diagram called Goals of Knowledge and Cultrual understanding but no specific strands are listed within the standards just content.	Kristen Kruz Kcruz@cde.ca.gov Education Programs Consultant California Department of Education English Learner and Curriculum Support Division
Colorado	The decision is made at the School District level.	The decision is made at the School District level.	The decision is made at the School District level.	The decision is made at the School District level. No suggested course list for Colorado	Geography standards are defined and listed for each grade level Social Studies subjects.	Colorado Department of Education does not track the enrollment of students by course.	Geography has never been required in Colorado according to Brenda Barr. However, University of Colorado system requires geography for admission.	Graduation Requirements by district http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/download/pdf/FF-Diplomas.pdf , Colorado University Requirements http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdegen/download/HEARJULY10agendaitem.pdf Courses decided by school district, but classes need to follow the state standards. Although there are Geography standards, there is no separate required Geography course.	Brenda Barr Barr_B@cde.state.co.us Social Studies Content Specialist Colorado Department of Education

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Connecticut	No middle school Geography requirement.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr International/World Studies 1 cr US History 1/2 cr Civics 1/2 cr Social Studies elective	Geography is not required in high school or middle school.	No state suggested course list is available. Individual school districts decide courses.	Geography strands are not listed within History standards; although, there is geography content in the history standards. There are separate geography standards, but they are not tied to a geography course.	Connecticut does not track the enrollment of students by course at the state level	Geography has never been required in Connecticut.	<p>Cultural Geography is offered in the Amity School District Connecticut Graduation Requirements http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/pressroom/TheConnecticutPlan.pdf</p> <p>Graduation Requirements http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/pressroom/TheConnecticutPlan.pdf</p> <p>Connecticut Standards http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/curriculum/socialstudies/ssfrmwk_10-6-09.pdf</p>	<p>Harriet Feldlaufer Chief Bureau of Teaching and learning Harriet.Feldlaufer@ct.gov</p> <p>The social studies consultant retired and there is currently no funds in the state budget to hire a new consultant, so Mrs. Feldlaufer currently handles the social studies.</p>
Delaware	There is not a specific course requirement for middle school. School districts are required to cover the content in the four strands of geography, civics, history, and economics.	3 cr social studies: No specific course requirements. The state only requires that the courses cover the content standards in the four strands of geography, civics, history, and economics.	Geography is not a required course in middle school and high school.	Decision made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are no separate Geography strands	The Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) does not track the enrollment of students by course because school districts are not required to tell DDOE which courses are offered or how many students take each course	Geography content Standards have been required since 1995	<p>Delaware Graduation Requirements http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/500/505.shtml#TopOfPage</p> <p>Delaware Standards http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/staff/ci/content_areas/socialstudies.shtml</p> <p>There are general standards for Geography, Civics, U.S. history etc. that must be taught in social studies courses at the HS and MS levels, but there are no specific course requirements of any kind. So the standards could be taught under any course as long as they are taught.</p>	<p>Preston "Dusty" Shockley Education Associate, Social Studies Teaching and Learning Branch Delaware Department of Education 401 Federal St. Suite 2 Dover, DE 19901 302-735-4180 pschockley@doe.k12.de.us</p>

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Florida	All courses in middle school are referred to as general Social Studies courses.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr World History 1 cr US History 1/2 cr American Government 1/2 cr Economics	Geography is not required in middle school or high school.	World Geography Geography and Career Planning World Geography Advanced Geography: Asia, Oceania, Africa Geography: Europe and The Americas Florida: Challenges and Choices	Geography strands are present in each grade level Social Studies course.	Data is not available	Middle School- Geography has always been a part of the Social Studies Standards It has historically been a standalone class incorporated. There is the option to take Geography as an elective, but never as a required course. Starting in 2006 there were 3 social studies courses required (previously there were fewer). According to the new law, high schools now require 3 social studies credits: 1 World History, 1 U.S. History, .5 Econ, .5 Govt. There are, however, many, Geography electives. A few school districts require 4 social studies credits.	Florida Graduation Requirements http://www.fldoe.org/aplusplus/pdf/HighSchoolGrad0809.pdf Florida Standards http://www.floridastandards.org/downloads.aspx Florida Geography course offerings http://www.fldoe.org/bii/Curriculum/Course_Descriptions/basic.asp	Rabieh Razzouk cpalms@lsi.fsu.edu Associate Director for Development & Administration Learning Systems Institute, Florida State University Center C, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2540 Phone: (850) 694-1682- Fax: (850) 644-4952 Web: http://www.lsi.fsu.edu Phone Message for: Todd Clark Todd.Clark@fldoe.org Bureau Chief 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 434 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 Phone: (850) 245-0423 - Fax: (850) 245-0826 Contact Info: http://www.fldoe.org/departments/contact.asp Email: Rabieh Razzouk "Project CPALMS does not have any information on the other questions. I am copying Ms. Patty Ceci from the Florida Department of Education to see if she has any additional information."

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Georgia	<p>Grade 6 and 7: Area studies courses that incorporate Geography content.</p> <p>Grade 8: Georgia History and US History.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr of World History 1 cr United States History ½ cr American Government/Civics ½ cr of Economics</p>	<p>There is significant Geography content in the middle school area studies courses. There is no Geography required in high school.</p>	<p>World Geography, Access to World Geography Georgia Alternate Assessment, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Sub-Saharan Studies, Local Area Studies/Geography Access to Local Area Studies/Geography Georgia Alternate Assessment, Advanced Placement Human Geography, International Baccalaureate Geography</p> <p>SLhttp://www.doe.k12.ga.us/_documents/doe/legalservices/160-4-2-.20.pdf</p>	<p>Although Geography skills and concepts should be mastered by secondary grade levels, geography is included within some standards.</p>	<p>2009-2010 school year: There were 55,023 students enrolled in World Geography across the state. There are 310 schools across the state.</p>	<p>In middle school Geography has been a part of the curriculum since the introduction of state curriculum. At the high school World Geography was not required, however up until 2 years ago, a student pursuing a Technical Diploma could take World Geography in place of World History. With the new graduation requirement all students are required to take World History.</p>	<p>Georgia Graduation Requirements http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/DMGetDocument.aspx/Georgia_High_School_Graduation_Requirements_3-10.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F6FF3B361EE4785D3399CF106AC43568396816C7FA914AE7B7&Type=D Georgia</p> <p>Standards https://www.georgiastandards.org/Frameworks/Pages/BrowseFrameworks/socialstudies.aspx</p> <p>Course List: http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/_documents/doe/legalservices/160-4-2-.20.pdf</p> <p>Performance Standards: https://www.georgiastandards.org/Standards/Pages/BrowseStandards/SocialStudiesStandards.aspx#6-8 SS</p> <p>Standards: https://www.georgiastandards.org/Standards/Pages/BrowseStandards/SocialStudiesStandards6-8.aspx</p>	<p>William Cranshaw Program Manager email: wcransha@doe.k12.ga.us Social Studies Program Manager (No longer holds this position)</p> <p>Shaun Owen Education Specialist Interim Programs Manager for Social Studies (K-12) Office of Academic Standards Georgia DOE</p> <p>Frameworks:https://www.georgiastandards.org/Frameworks/Pages/BrowseFrameworks/socialstudies6-8.aspx</p> <p>Parents expectation by grade level & Grad. Requirements:https://www.georgiastandards.org/Pages/Parents.aspx</p> <p>Contact Info: https://www.georgiastandards.org/Pages/ContactUs/ContactUs.aspx</p> <p>Emailed Pamela (Pam) Smith 404-463-4141; PamSmith@doe.k12.ga.us</p>

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Hawaii	Grade 6: World History and Cultures Grade 7: History of the Hawaiian Kingdom Grade 7: Pacific Islands Grade 8: U.S. History	4 Social Studies credits: 1/2 cr Modern History of Hawaii 1/2 cr Participation in a Democracy 1cr U.S. History 1cr World History 1cr elective	No Geography course is required for middle school and high school, however, World Geography could count as an elective towards graduation.	World Geography	Geography strands are present within History standards.	The Hawaii Department of Education does not track the enrollment of students by course.	Geography, as a course, has never been required.	Graduation requirements http://graduation.k12.hi.us/ Content and Performance standards http://standardstoolkit.k12.hi.us/index.html Hawaii has one school district for all of Hawaii making it the largest school district in the U.S.. Geography is a strand for both World History and Cultures and the Pacific Islands courses, but is only a small portion of the content for these two courses. History, Civics, and Economics are also included.	Rosanna Fukuda Social Studies Specialist rosanna_fukuda@notes.k12.hi.us
Idaho	Geography Eastern Hemisphere Geography Western Hemisphere World History and Civilization (School Districts determine the appropriate grade levels for courses.)	3 Social Studies credits: Note: 1 credit =1 semester 2 cr US History 2 cr American Government 1 cr Economics	Geography is required in middle school, but is not required at the high school level.	Geography Eastern Hemisphere Geography Western Hemisphere	There are separate Geography strand listed as within History.	The Idaho Department of Education does not track the enrollment of students by course.	Geography has never been required in high school. Geography Eastern Hemispheres and Geography Western Hemispheres are required content standards in 6-9. There is a dedicated Geography strand in every SS course K-12.	In Geography courses for middle school there are strands for History, Civics and Government, Economics, and Global Perspectives, Content standards Website http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/content_standards/ss_standards.htm Idaho University Requirements http://admissions.boisestate.edu/freshman/#standards Graduation Requirements http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa08/0203.pdf	Peter Kavouras 1-800-432-4601 Social Studies coordinator pgkavouras@sde.idaho.gov

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Illinois	There is no specific course requirement for middle school.	2 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US History or a combination of US History and Government 1 cr elective (Geography is an option)	Geography is not required in middle school and high school. It may be chosen as an elective for graduation.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	Geography content within Social Studies strands, but no strands are listed.	Illinois does not track the enrollment of students by course.	The state of Illinois does not have a mandatory statewide curriculum, thus 'when first required' has not been tracked.	http://www.isbe.net/ils/social_sciences/standards.htm Illinois Graduation Requirements http://www.isbe.net/news/pdf/grad_require.pdf Illinois Assessment Framework http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/IAF_Soc_Sci_9_2007.pdf	Mike Hatfill Curriculum and Instruction Illinois State Board of Education 100 North First Street Springfield, IL 62777 Phone: 217-557-7323 Fax: 217-782-7937
Indiana	There is no specific course requirement for middle school.	4 Social Studies credits: Note: 1 credit = 1 semester. 2 cr U.S. History 1 cr U.S. Government 1 cr elective (Geography is an option)	Geography is not required in middle school and high school. It may be chosen as an elective for graduation.	World Geography, Geography and the History of the World	There is not a separate Geography strand present.	N/A	N/A	Indiana Graduation Requirements http://www.doe.in.gov/core40/ Indiana Standards http://dc.doe.in.gov/Standards/AcademicStandards/StandardSearch.aspx	fronczek@doe.in.gov
Iowa	The decision is made at the School District level.	3 Social Studies credits: The decision is made by the School Districts.	The decision is made by the each school within a School District at the high school and middle school level.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list	Geography Content is within the history standards, but it is not clearly marked. Also there are separate geography standards available.	The Iowa Department of Education does not track enrollment data for each course.	According to Don Peterson, geography has never been required to his knowledge.	http://www.corecurriculum.iowa.gov/ContentArea.aspx?C=Social+Studies Graduation Requirement web address http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1231&Itemid=2116 Mr. Peterson was referred for this research by Kay Weller of the Iowa Geographic Alliance.	Kay Weller Iowa Geographic Alliance Co-Coordinator kay.weller@uni.edu Iowa Geographic Alliance Co-Coordinator Alex.Oberle@uni.edu Don Peterson Iowa Geographic Alliance laGeoPete@aol.com Cheryl Mullenbach Social Studies Core Curriculum 515-494-5610 Cheryl.Mullenbach@iowa.gov

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Kansas	<p>Grade 5: U.S. History Beginning to 1800</p> <p>Grade 6: World History Ancient to Medieval</p> <p>Grade 7: World Geography (1 semester)</p> <p>Grade 7: Kansas History and Government (1 semester)</p> <p>Grade 8: U.S. History 1800-1900</p>	<p>3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr World History 1 cr U.S. History ½ cr Kansas History ½ cr Civics and Government</p>	<p>Geography is required in 7th Grade middle school; however, there is no geography requirement in high school.</p>	<p>7th grade World Geography.</p> <p>There is no suggestive course list at the state level.</p>	<p>There are separate geography strands listed within history.</p>	<p>Currently there is no enrollment data per course; however, Kansas will start collecting that data in 2011-2012.</p>	<p>Geography has never been required for high school graduation.</p>	<p>Graduation Requirements http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1787#91-31-35</p> <p>Kansas Standards http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1715</p>	<p>Jeannette Nobo, Assistant Director for Standards Careers, Standards and Assessment Services Kansas State Department of Education jnobo@ksde.org</p>
Kentucky	<p>Grade 6: World Geography</p> <p>Grade 7: World Civilization</p> <p>Grade 8: American History</p>	<p>3 Social Studies credits:</p> <p>There are no specific courses to fulfill the requirement, but courses must incorporate U.S. History, Economics, Government, World Geography, and World Civilization.</p>	<p>World Geography is required in middle school, but no specific course of geography required in high school.</p>	<p>Physical Geography, Human Geography, AP Human Geography, African American Studies, Global Issues</p>	<p>There are separate Geography strands within the core Social Studies content. No Geography strands are present within history standards.</p>	<p>The Kentucky Department of Education does not collect enrollment data by course.</p>	<p>Geography is assessed in 5th, 8th, and 11th grade. It has been since the Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1990. Prior to 1990, the history of geography education is unknown.</p>	<p>Kentucky Content Standards http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Curriculum+Documents+and+Resources/Core+Content+for+Assessment/Core+Content+for+Assessment+4.1/</p> <p>Graduation Requirements http://www.education.ky.gov/NR/rdonlres/7999B884-18F3-42EE-B187-FB7291058BC5/0/HighSchoolGraduationRequirementsChart.pdf --- http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/</p>	<p>Mendy Meehan</p> <p>Social Studies Curriculum and Development</p> <p>Information about enrollment statistics and the history of geography in Kentucky.</p>

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Louisiana	Grade 6: World History Grade 7: U.S. History Grade 8: Louisiana History, Economics, and Civics	3 Social Studies credits: 1 unit American History 1/2 unit of Civics or AP American Government 1/2 unit of Free Enterprise 1 of the following: World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, or AP European History	Geography not required in middle school and high school, but could be taken as an elective in high school towards graduation.	World Geography AP Human Geography in some districts Agriscience, aquaculture, Crop Systems, Forestry, Horticulture, Geography and World Cultures, Marine Engineering, Earth Science, African American Studies, Marine Operations	There are Geography strands in both Middle School Social Studies and High School History courses.	World Geography 770 students	Geography requirements have not changed anytime recently – meaning “several decades.”	Louisiana Graduation Requirements http://www.louisianaschools.net/ide/uploads/7516.pdf Louisiana Grade Level Expectations http://www.louisianaschools.net/ide/saa/1915.html Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum http://www.louisianaschools.net/ide/saa/2108.html	Statistics contact Jason France (Curriculum Database): 225-342-9133; Jason.france@la.gov http://www.louisianaschools.net/ide/pair/1209.html Brenda Rivet (Student Information): 225-345-1805 brenda.rivet@la.gov Contact: 1-877-453-2721, Transferred to Lessie Freeman Social Studies Coordinator Suggested I contact the Department of Data Management for enrollment statistics.
Maine	There is no specific course requirement for middle school.	2 Social Studies credits: 1 cr U.S. History 1 cr Social Studies elective	Geography is not required in middle school and high school.	Decision made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There is no separate Geography strand in the history standards.	N/A	N/A	Maine Graduation Requirements http://diplomaguide.com/articles/Earning_Your_High_School_Diploma_-_Maine.html Maine standards http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/ss102207.pdf	Standards-Based Education in Maine contacts: Diana Doiron diana.doiron@maine.gov or phone 624-6823 Nigel Norton nigel.norton@maine.gov or phone 624-6745 Kati Allison kati.allison@maine.gov or phone 624-6717 Department of Education 23 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0023 Voice (207) 624-6600 Fax (207) 624-6700

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Maryland	7 th grade World Cultural Geography	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr local, state and national government 1 cr U.S. History 1 cr World History	Geography is required as part of what is taught and assessed in Social Studies	Decision made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There is no separate Geo strand listed in US history standards, however, a geography strand is listed in political science subject for grades 1-8 & the high school government course.	There are one million children in Maryland who studying geography every year from pre-k-12th grade as part of an integrated social studies program.	N/A Since 1988 has required 7 th grade World Cultural Geography	Maryland Graduation Requirements http://hsaexam.org/img/MD_HS_Grad_Req_rev%204-2010.pdf Maryland standards http://mdk12.org/	Dr. Marcie Taylor-Thoma Social Studies Coordinator Maryland State Department of Education 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Phone: (410) 767-0100 mthoma@msde.state.md.us
Massachusetts	Local Control Districts decide specific courses and the State provides standards as resource and recommends World Geography for 6 th grade and Ancient and Classical Civilizations for 7 th grade. Districts make final decision.	Decision is made at the School District level.	Decision made at the School District level for middle school and high school requirements.	Decision made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	For grades 8-12, state provides standards for U.S. and World History. Geography is integrated within each of these courses, but districts organize these courses as they feel best.	N/A	N/A	Massachusetts standards http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/hss/final.pdf Massachusetts Graduation Requirements vary by district http://diplomaguide.com/articles/Earning_Your_High_School_Diploma_-_Massachusetts.html February 2009, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted to waive the history and social science requirement for a Competency Determination for students in the classes of 2012 and 2013, due to budget constraints. The Board intends to establish a timeline for reinstituting the history and social science requirement per Massachusetts DESE website.	History and Social Science Susan Wheltle 781-338-6239 swheltle@doe.mass.edu ----- http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/info.html

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Michigan	Grade 6: Western Hemisphere Studies Grade 7: Eastern Hemisphere Studies Grade 8: Integrated US History	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr U.S. History and Geography 1 cr World History and Geography 1/2 cr Civics 1/2 cr Economics	Geography is embedded in Area Studies courses in middle school and is combined with history in high school as outlined in the content area expectations. Geography is a separate strand in the state social studies standards.	Decided at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	Separate Geography strands are listed in Grade 6 & 7, combined history/Geography strands are listed for combined history /Geography HS courses.	N/A	Beginning with the Class of 2011(those who began 9th grade in 2007-2008 school year) it will be required. (Michigan DOE website)	Michigan Social Studies standards http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Social_Studies_Standards_122084_7.pdf Michigan High School graduation requirements http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/New_MMC_one_pager_11.15.06_183755_7.pdf Michigan High School content expectations http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SS_HSCE_210739_7.pdf Michigan Elementary and Middle School content expectations http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SSGLCE_218368_7.pdf Note: The area studies courses are heavily weighted in Geography content in comparison to history, economics, and civics content. See elementary and middle school standards.	Contact Information: 517-335-3678

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Minnesota	Required middle school Social Studies courses are decided at the School Districts level.	3.5 Social Studies credits: U.S. History World History Geography Economics Government	No requirements in middle school; Geography is required in high school according to the state requirements for graduation. School districts can choose to determine their own graduation requirements.	Decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are separate Geography strands listed within history standards.	Minnesota Department of Education does not track enrollment by course.	Geography is presently required by the state; however, a district can opt out of this requirement. Meaning, only Geography content from the standards need to be covered not a particular course.	Standards: http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Academic_Excellence/Academic_Standards/index.html Graduation Requirement: http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Academic_Excellence/Academic_Standards/Social_Studies/index.htm The actual length and appropriate credit is determined by individual school districts. Only the standards for these subjects need to be covered in 3.5 credits of social studies see email from coordinator. School districts, however, can go above and beyond	Kathryn Stower Education Outreach Specialist: Social Studies Kathryn.Stower@MNHS.ORG

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Mississippi	Grade 6: Western Hemispheres Grade 7: Eastern Hemispheres Grade 8: U.S. History to 1877	4 Social Studies Credit: 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ Geography ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies	In middle school no geography required per se, but significant geography content is taught in the area studies courses. In high school, a half credit of geography is required.	World Geography Western and Eastern Hemisphere Courses	Geography strands are combined with history, civics, and economic strands in middle school and high school (MS and HS)	1/2 semester of geography is required for graduation in Mississippi. On Oct 27th 2009, there were 40,134 students in grade 9, 36,139 in grade 10, 31,992 in grade 11, 28,859 in grade 12, so somewhere between 28,000 and 42,000 students in high school take geography each year. Geography is required in 6th and 7th grade. There were a total of 73933 students in those grades in October of 2009	Geography is presently required. At the high school level, however, this is a new requirement as of 2009.	Mississippi Graduation Requirements http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us/departments/curriculum/publications/graduation_requirements.pdf Mississippi Standards http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/acad/id/curriculum/ss/frame.html SS Framework: http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ACAD/ID/Curriculum/ss/frame.html	Chauncy Spears Advanced Learning/Gifted Programs Division Director Office of Curriculum and Instruction Mississippi Department of Education P.O. Box 771 Jackson, MS 39205-0771 Phone: 601-359-2586 Fax: 601-359-2040 Email: crspears@mde.k12.ms.us http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ACAD/ID/Curriculum/ss/index.html

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Missouri	There is no requirement for social studies in middle school. Are there standards that teachers must follow? If so, for what courses?	Social Studies credits: 1 cr U.S. History 1/2 cr American Government 1 ½ cr Electives	There are no geography requirements in high school and middle school. Geography could be used to fulfill the graduation requirements as an elective.	Geography	There are geography strands within History. There are also history strands within geography. In Missouri the standards are set in the grade level expectations for K-8. K-8 are general social studies courses. The standards for 9-12 are in the course level expectations.	The Missouri Department of Education does not track enrollment data per course.	Geography has never been required.	Graduation Requirements http://www.dese.mo.gov/school-law/rulesregs/50345300.html Show Me Standards http://dese.mo.gov/standards/content.html Grade Level Expectations http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/GLE/index.html Curriculum Frameworks http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/frameworks/ss.html	Bill Gering Social Studies Consultant\Assistant Director of Assessment Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Bill.Gerling@dese.mo.gov
Montana	This decision is made at the School District level.	This decision is made at the School District level.	This decision is made at the School District level.	This decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are general Social Studies provided for each grade level that weaves in content from different Social Studies disciplines.	The Montana Department of Education does not track enrollment by course.	Geography was never required per Katy Burke Science Specialist.	Montana Standards http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Standards/ContStds-SocSt.pdf Montana graduation requirements http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=10.55.905 There is currently no Social Studies specialist.	Katy Burke Science Specialist 1-800-432-4601
Nebraska	This decision is made at the School District level.	This decision is made at the School District level.	This decision is made at the School District level.	This decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are no separate geography strands within history; however, geography is there is geography content within the history strands	The Nebraska Department of Education does not track enrollment per course.	Geography was never required.	Nebraska Standards http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nde-standards/AcademicStandards.htm Nebraska is a local control state, so districts decide graduation requirements	Larry Starr Social Studies Specialist lstarr@nde.state.ne.us

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Nevada	The decision is made at the School District level.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr American Government 1 cr American History 1 cr World History or Geography	Geography is not required in middle school; in high school students may choose to take geography as their 3 rd Social Studies course in lieu of World History.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list, however, all school districts are required to offer geography by state law.	There are no separate geography strands within history.	Nevada only has data for Social Studies and no data for specific Social Studies course.	Geography was never required.	<p>State Standards http://www.doe.nv.gov/Standards_SocialStudies.html</p> <p>Graduation Requirements http://nde.doe.nv.gov/Resources_GradRequirements.htm</p> <p>University Requirements http://www.ss.unr.edu/admissions/apply/freshman/requirements.asp All school districts are required to offer Geography by state law. Students take either Geography or World History.</p> <p>For Grades 6-8 only standards for History, Geography, Economics, and Civics are covered. What courses are offered to encompass these standards is up to the individual school districts.</p> <p>There is separate geography standards from History based on the major divisions from Geography for Life. There are no geography strands within History. However there is geography content within the History standards.</p>	Stephanie Hartman Social Studies Specialist hartman@doe.nv.gov

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New Hampshire	There are no specific courses for middle school.	2 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US and New Hampshire History and Government 1/2 cr Economics 1/2 cr World History, Global Studies, or Geography	Geography is not required in middle school or high school; However, high school students may choose to take geography as their 3 rd Social Studies course in lieu of World History.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are no separate geography strands within history.	The New Hampshire Department of Education does not track enrollment on Social Studies specifically.	Starting in 2005, all High Schools are required to offer a full credit of Geography.	New Hampshire Graduation Requirements http://www.education.nh.gov/standards/documents/advisory6.pdf New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/curriculum/social_studies/documents/frameworks.pdf Social Studies course offerings are made at the district level to fit into broad state level requirement. Most 8 th graders have U.S. or American History though the chronology isn't consistent. 5 th -7 th graders take a wide variety of courses can be called "social studies" or "world history" or "world geography."	Kenneth Relihan (603) 271-6151 krelihan@ed.state.nh.us
New Jersey	There are no specific courses for middle school.	15 Social Studies credits: 5 credits = 1 year 15 cr social studies, 5 cr in World History, and the integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings (The state considers a full year worth 5 credits. The number is arbitrary according to Beverly Plein)	Geography is not required in middle school or high school	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are separate geography strands within history.	Enrollment data is collected by individual districts, not the state department of education, per Beverly Plein, Social Studies Specialist.	The use of Geography has been required since 1996.	New Jersey Graduation Requirements http://www.state.nj.us/education/ser/grad/reqchart.htm New Jersey content standards http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2004/	Beverly Plein Content Specialist Office of Academic Standards New Jersey Department of Education 100 River Plaza PO Box 500 Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 (609) 943-5732 [Fax] (609) 292-7276 beverly.plein@doe.state.nj.us

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New Mexico	In grades 5 - 8 the following courses are required: History, Economics, Civics and US Government, and Geography; however, the grades in which they are taken in is not specified.	2 ½ Social Studies credits: 1 cr US History and Geography 1/2 cr Economics 1/2 cr Government 1/2 cr New Mexico History	Requirement for World and US History in high school geography is taken in middle school, but the state does not specify which grade.	Geography (Middle and High School) There is no state suggested course list.	Geography strand listed as separate standard and Geography strands are not within History strands; although, there is geographical content within the strands.	The New Mexico Department of Education does not track enrollment per course.	Geography is required as a combined class with US History and World History, but is not a standalone requirement.	New Mexico Standards http://www.ped.state.nm.us/standards/GraduationReq http://www.ped.state.nm.us/Graduation/dl10/HS%20Grad%20Requirements%20FAQ%202009%2010%2016.pdf	Carolyn Brownrigs Advanced Placement, Gifted Education, Language Arts, Next-Step Plan and Social Studies carolyn.brownrigs@state.nm.us
New York	Grade 5: Western Hemisphere studies Grade 6: Eastern Hemisphere studies Grade 7 and 8 United States and New York State History	4 Units Social Studies: 1 Unit US History 1/2 unit Participation in American Government 1/2 unit Economics 2 units Social Studies electives that could include geography	Geography is not required in middle school or high school; however, Geography could be taken to fulfill the Social Studies elective requirement.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	No separate Geography strands listed in history courses per se. Geography, however, is listed in the required Social Studies Learning Standards.	The New York Department of Education does not track enrollment per course.	N/A	New York State graduation requirements http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/2009GradReqDetails.html New York state standards http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/ssrg.html New York State requires that each school district adhere to the Content Learning Standards. Within the Social Studies Learning Standards are the following strands: US and NY History, World History, Geography, Economics, Civics, Citizenship and Government.	Jo Ann Larson Social Studies Content Specialist jl Larson@mail.nysed.gov

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North Carolina	<p>Grade 6: Geography of South America and Europe</p> <p>Grade 7: Geography of Africa, Asia, and Australia</p> <p>Grade 8: North Carolina: Creation and Development of the State</p>	<p>3 Social Studies credits:</p> <p>1 cr World History (9th grade)</p> <p>1 cr Civics and Economics(10th grade)</p> <p>1 cr US History (11th grade)</p>	Geography is only required in middle school. Geography is not required in high school and cannot satisfy any graduation requirements	<p>African American Studies</p> <p>Indian American Studies</p> <p>Geography in Action</p> <p>Latino American Studies</p>	There is a separate Geography strand for the Geography in Action course strand and geographic content is embedded in the strands of other Social Studies courses.	<p>In 2010, 108,743 students enrolled in 6th grade</p> <p>Geography in public schools, and 3,864 students enrolled in 6th grade</p> <p>geography in charter schools. In 7th grade (2010) there were 107, 121 students enrolled in Geography in public schools and 3,675 students enrolled in Geography in charter schools.</p>	Geography has never been required in North Carolina. From 1984 to 2004 geography was an option for the World Studies credit for graduation. Since 2004, World History has been the only option to fulfill this requirement.	<p>Public Schools of North Carolina Website:</p> <p>http://www.ncpublicschools.org/-North Carolina Standards</p> <p>http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/socialstudies/scos/North Carolina Graduation Requirements</p> <p>http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/graduation/table</p> <p>All required Social Studies courses for grades K-5 are centered on a geographic theme (eg. Kindergarten: Self and Family/Families Around the World; 1st Grade: Neighborhoods and Communities Around the World; 2nd Grade: local-global regions; 3rd Grade: Citizenship; 4th Grade: North Carolina Geography and History; 5th Grade: United States History, Canada, Mexico, and Central America)</p>	Information about enrollment statistics and the history of Geography in North Carolina was obtained from Dal Edwards.

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North Dakota	<p>This decision is made at the school district level.</p> <p>*All middle schools are required to provide geography instruction either as a separate course or part of another Social Studies course.</p>	<p>3 units of Social Studies: 1 unit = 2 semesters</p> <p>1 unit US History 1/2 unit US Government and 1/2 unit Economics 1 unit of Problems of Democracy, 1 unit or two separate ½ units of Social Studies electives, which could include geography.</p> <p>(Effective June 30th 2010 the state is changing from 4 units social studies to 3 units social studies. One unit of World History was eliminated.)</p>	<p>There is no requirement for geography in middle and high school, however, geography could be taken as a 1/2 cr elective in high school.</p>	<p>Geography (Middle School) Geography (High School) AP Human Geography</p>	<p>**There are no separate Geography strands within history.</p>	<p>The North Dakota Department of Education does not track enrollment per course.</p>	<p>After June 30th 2010 geography is an elective course that can be taken to fulfill a 1 credit social studies elective graduation requirement/ In 1981, North Dakota law required that Geography be taught in all public and private schools, but the law does not state geography as a graduation requirement.</p>	<p>North Dakota graduation requirements http://www.nd.gov/cte/programs/careerdev/docs/ND_HS_GraduationRequirements.pdf North Dakota standards http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/standard/index.shtm</p> <p>* There is a 2007 statute, however, requiring all elementary and middle schools to provide instruction in geography. Many schools provide a Geography class in 8th grade, however, some schools fulfill the requirement by embedding Geography in other Social Studies courses.</p> <p>** There is no geography content embedded in the History standards for the content standards or performance standards; however, there is historical content within the content standards and performance standards of geography.</p>	<p>Marilyn Weiser Coordinator and Director North Dakota geographic alliance marilyn.weiser@minotstate.edu Department of Education contacts</p> <p>Karla J. Mittleider Approval & Accreditation, Administrative Assistant kjmittleider@nd.gov</p> <p>Linda Paluck School Approval and Accreditation, Director lpaluck@nd.gov</p>

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Ohio	Grade 6: Regions and the People of the World Grade 7: World Studies from 1000 B.C. to 1750 Grade 8: World Studies 1607 to 1877	3 Social Studies credits: 1/2 cr US Government 1/2 cr US History 2 cr Social Studies electives, which could include Geography	Geography is not required in middle school or high school; however, it can be taken to fulfill the Social Studies elective requirement.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are separate Geography strands.	N/A	The study of geography is and has been required per William Muthig, Ohio DOE Consultant	Graduation Requirements http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1702&ContentID=15291&Content=78802 Ohio Content Standards http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1706&ContentID=852&Content=72502	Virginia Moore Social Studies Consultant (614) 728-2759 virginia.moore@ode.state.oh.us Sheila E. Milligan Data Manager Office of Data Services Center for Curriculum and Assessment Ohio Department of Education 25 S Front St Columbus, OH 43215 614-387-2254 William Muthig Consultant Ohio Department of Education William.Muthig@ode.state.oh.us
Oklahoma	Grade 6: World Studies Grade 7: World Geography Grade 8: US History	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US History 1/2 cr US Government 1/2 cr Oklahoma History 1 cr Social Studies electives	Geography is required in Middle School (7th Grade). There is no geography requirement in high school, however, geography could fulfill the elective requirement for graduation.	World Geography (7th grade)	There are no separate Geography strands within history.	The Oklahoma Department of Education does not track this information.	Geography has never required, according to Kelly Cutright, Director of Social Studies.	Oklahoma standards http://sde.state.ok.us/Curriculum/PASS/Subject/socstud.pdf Oklahoma graduation requirements http://www.sde.state.ok.us/Curriculum/ACE/pdf/11103.pdf	Kelly Cutright Director of Social Studies Kelly_Cutright@sde.state.ok.us Ph (405) 522-3523

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Oregon	In Oregon they could be presented as social studies classes or a particular course. The only criteria for school districts is that the classes must follow the standards for History, Economics, Geography, and Civics.	3 Social Studies credits: The courses required for graduation are decided on a district level.	Geography is not required in middle school or high school by the state.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are no separate Geography strands within history.	The Oregon Department of Education does not track this information, per Andrea Morgan	Geography was required up to early 70's; it changed mid-70's.	There are no specific required courses and must meet the standards, graduation requirements. http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1681 , Oregon university requirements http://www.medford.k12.or.us/Files/SMS_COURSE_HANDBOOK_2009-2010.pdf	Andrea Morgan Social Sciences Curriculum, Advanced Placement Incentive Program and Test Fee Program Oregon Department of Education 255 Capitol St. NE Salem, OR 97310-0203 andrea.morgan@state.or.us (503) 947-5772
Pennsylvania	No specific courses are required.	3 Social Studies credits: (Including US and World History and Civics) per Pennsylvania DOE website.	All Pennsylvania students are required to have planned instruction in Geography.	The decision is made at the School District level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are no separate Geography strands within history.	The Pennsylvania Department of Education does not track this information	All Pennsylvania school districts are required to meet the Academic Standards for Geography, but no date was given.	The Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Geography: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_board_of_education/8830/state_academic_standards/529102 The following Social Studies content is required for MS: Civics and government, economics, geography and history, including the history and cultures of the United States, the Commonwealth, and the world-PA Code § 4.22. No specific courses required.	Jeffrey A. Zeiders Social Studies Advisor Bureau of Teaching and Learning Support Division of Standards and Curriculum Pennsylvania Department of Education 333 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17126 Phone: 717-783-1832 Fax: 717-783-3946 jzeiders@state.pa.us

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Rhode Island	There are no specific courses required for middle school. This is decided by the individual school districts.	3 Social Studies credits and senior project and portfolio are required for graduation. There are no specific courses mandated by the state.	Geography is not required in middle school or high school.	This decision is made at the school district level.	There are no separate Geography strands listed in history standards.	The Rhode Island Department of Education does not track this information.	N/A	Requirements: http://www.bsd-ri.net/sites/default/files/infopage/bhs-09-10-programofstudies.pdf (http://www.bsd-ri.net/sites/default/files/infopage/bhs-09-10-programofstudies.pdf , http://www.northprovidencehighschool.com/WebBuilder_FORMS/BBS_LIST_view.ASP http://schools.coventryschools.net/highschool/ , http://www.ride.ri.gov/Regents/Docs/RegentsRegulations/HS%20Regulations%20September,%202008.pdf)--Geography not a graduation requirement per R I DOE website.	Pat Kozaczka Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Office of Instruction Assessment and Accountability 255 Westminster St. Fifth Floor Providence, Rhode Island 02903 Telephone #: 401-222-8464 Fax #: 401-222-6033
South Carolina	Grade 6: Ancient Cultures to 1600 Grade 7: Contemporary Cultures: 1600 to present Grade 8: South Carolina: One of the United States	3 Social Studies credits: 1cr US History and Constitution 1/2 cr Economics 1/2 cr US Government 1 cr elective social studies that could encompass Geography.	Geography is not required in middle school or high school; however, can be taken as an elective to fulfill the graduation requirement.	World Geography (Global Studies), Geography SL, Geography HL-1, Geography HL-2, Environmental Studies, AP Human Geography	There are Geography strands within history.	there is no data collected on this information.	Geography has never been a graduation requirement; however, they are currently recommending standards for a world geography course that could be taken as an elective.	South Carolina Standards http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/old/cso/social_studies/social.htm South Carolina Graduation Requirements http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Accountability/Federal-and-State-Accountability/Accreditation/HighSchoolDiploma.html	Lewis Huffman Social Studies Education Associate Lhuffman@ed.sc.gov Provided information regarding high school Social Studies electives and information about the history of Geography in South Carolina. Dr. Jerry Mitchell University of South Carolina Department of Geography Coordinator for the South Carolina Geographic Alliance mitchejt@gwm.sc.edu

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South Dakota	Grade 6: World History Grade 7: In Depth 1 yr study of geo. That whole years study is devoted to geography * Grade 8: US History	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US History 1/2 cr Geography 1/2 cr Government 1/2 cr World History ½ cr Social Studies Elective	In middle school 1 year is devoted to geography in 7th grade, in high school 1/2 credit of geography is required.	7th grade: Geography High School: World Geography AP Human Geography World Area Studies	There is no separate Geography strands identified but does have geographic content within the history standards.	South Dakota department of Education does not track this information.	In 1984, South Dakota became the first state to mandate course work in geography as a requirement for high school graduation. According to the South Dakota Geographic Alliance.	South Dakota Standards http://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/social/index.asp South Dakota Grad Requirements http://doe.sd.gov/oata/gradrequirements/docs/grad%20requirements%203tier%20paths.pdf * Some districts may require a personal finance course or incorporate personal finance into one of the above courses. There are geography standards separate from the History standards, but it is not indicated whether they are for the World geography course or grade level.	Currently there is no social studies specialist contact Becky Nelson Team leader Office of Curriculum, Career & Technical Education Becky.Nelson@state.sd.us For more information about the South Dakota State Geographic Alliance, contact: Dr. Charles F. Gritzner Department of Geography South Dakota State University Brookings, SD 57007 South Dakota Alliance Website http://www3.sdstate.edu/Academics/CollegeOfArtsAndSciences/Geography/SouthDakotaGeographicAlliance/
Tennessee	The courses at the middle school level are all labeled integrated Social Studies.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US History 1/2 cr American Government 1/2 cr Economics 1cr World History or World Geography	Geography is not required in middle school. World Geography can be taken to fulfill the Social Studies graduation requirement instead of World History.	World Geography AP Human Geography	Geography is a strand within history.	The Tennessee Department of Education does not track data regarding course enrollment.	Geography has never been a requirement.	Graduation Requirements: http://www.tennessee.gov/education/gradreq.shtml Tennessee Standards: http://www.tennessee.gov/education/ci/ss/index.shtml Tennessee Department of Education: http://www.tennessee.gov/education/	Brenda Ables Director of Secondary Education. (Middle school social studies requirements and enrollment information) Kurt Butefish Coordinator for the Tennessee Alliance

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Texas	Grade 6: World Cultures Grade 7: Texas History Grade 8: U.S. History	4 Social Studies credits: 1 cr World History 1 cr World Geography 1 cr U.S. History Since Reconstruction 1 cr U.S. Government	Geography is required in middle school and high school.	World Cultures (6th) World Geography Pre-AP World Geography AP Human World Geography IB World Geography Electives vary by school.	Geography strands are within history and all other Social Studies subjects including psychology and skills courses. Separate geography standards are provided for the Geography courses.	The Texas Department of Education does not track data regarding course enrollment. (Rose-Mary Marrow)	Geography graduation requirement began in the 2001-2002 school year.	Texas Graduation Requirements http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074f.html Texas Standards http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter113/index.html Graduation Credit: http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/SBSGradReqs2010_2011.pdf Core Social Studies Courses and Standards: http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ssc/teks_and_tas/teks.htm Historical Graduation Requirement 1994-1995 to 2000-2001: http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074b.html	Dr. Rose-Mary Marrow Texas Education Agency
Utah	Grade 7 and 8 1.5 credits Social Studies: 1 cr US History ½ cr Utah	2. 5 Social Studies credits: 1 cr US History 1/2 cr Geography 1/2 cr World Civilizations 1/2 cr Government	1/2 credit Geography is required for graduation. The course is typically called Geography for Life course and can be taken in high school or middle school.	Geography for Life	There is a Geography strand within History.	The Utah Department of Education does not keep these records for Social Studies courses; only have information on English and Math enrollment is kept.	According to the Utah Social Studies Specialist, the Geography for life course has been in the requirements since 2002. Before that he is sure that geography has been a required course for decades before, but he cannot pinpoint an exact date when a geography course was put into the requirements.	Graduation Requirements http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/main/GradInfo.htm Utah State Social Studies Standards http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/socialstudies/core/default.htm Additional Social Studies credits could be earned in 7 th or 8 th grade to count towards high school graduation.	Tom Sutton Social Studies specialist tom.sutton@schools.utah.gov Randy Raphael DOE statistician Randy.raphael@schools.utah.gov Jennifer Lambert Data Quality Manager Jennifer.lambert@schools.utah.gov

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Vermont	There are no specific Social Studies courses required for middle school.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr U.S. Government and History 2 cr Social Science electives	Geography is not required in middle school or high school, but may be chosen as an elective to fulfill the graduation requirement.	The decision is made at the district level. There is no state suggested course list.	N/A	The Vermont Department of Education does not track data regarding course enrollment.	Vermont has always been a local control state. According to the Vermont Social Studies Coordinator, it is safe to assume that Geography hasn't been "required" by the state of Vermont.	Vermont Frameworks: http://education.vermont.gov/new/pd/doc/pubs/grade_expectations/history_social_sciences.pdf	Sigrid Lumbra Social Studies Coordinator Vermont Department of Education 120 State Street Montpelier VT 05620 802-828-0200 sigrid.lumbra@state.vt.us Dr. Richard Kujawa Vermont Geographic Alliance Coordinator rkujawa@smcvt.edu 802-654-2488
Virginia	MS Course listings are decided by the district.	3 Social Studies credits: 1 cr U.S. and Virginia History 1 cr U.S. and Virginia Government 1 cr in either World History or World Geography	Geography is not a requirement in middle school or high school; however, World Geography could fulfill the graduation requirements if chosen instead of World History.	World Geography AP Human Geography International Baccalaureate Geography	There are Geography strands within the history standards.	Virginia Department of Education does not track data regarding course enrollment.	Geography has never been a requirement, but it may be used to fulfill the Standards of Learning end-of-year tests for graduation.	Virginia Department of Education: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/ - Graduation Requirements http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/faq.shtm Virginia Content Standards http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/history_socialscience/index.shtml	Beverly Thurston History/Social Science/ International Education Coordinator (Information about middle school social studies requirements and the history of Geography in Virginia)

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Washington	Grade 6: 1/2 cr. World Geography	2.5 Social Studies credits: 1 cr World History/Geography and Problems 1 cr U.S. History and Government 1/2 cr Washington State history	Geography is a requirement in Middle School. It is not required in high school as a separate course, but is a part of World History or Contemporary Word Problems course.	The decision is made at the district level. There is no state suggested course list.	There are separate Geography strands listed within Grade Level Expectations.	The Washington Department of Education does not track data regarding course enrollment.	According to the Washington Department of Education, Geography has not been a standalone requirement since 1971 according to. They do not have access to the common school manuals prior to 1971 to be able to determine if Geography was a requirement prior to this time.	Courses are decided by districts but the state provides graduation requirements, content standards by grade http://www.k12.wa.us/SocialStudies/EARLs-GLs.aspx http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements/pubdocs/GraduationToolkit.pdf Graduation Requirements: http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements/default.aspx	Kelly Martin Social Studies and International Education Program Supervisor (360) 725-6351 kelly.martin@k12.wa.us
Washington D.C.	Grade 6: World Geography and Cultures Grade 7: World History and Geography: Ancient World Grade 8: U.S. History and Geography I: Growth and Conflict	4 Social Studies credits (effective 2007-2008) Grade 9: 1 cr World History and Geography I Grade 10: 1 cr World History and Geography Grade 11: 1 cr U.S. History and Geography Grade 12 ½ cr US Government ½ cr History and Government	Geography is required in middle school but not high school. Although, Geography is integrated with a number of HS Social Studies courses.	The decision is made at the district level. There is no state suggested course list.	World History and Geography: Ancient World (Grade 7), U.S. History and Geography I: Growth and Conflict (Grade 8) Otherwise dependent on decision of individual school per DC Public Schools website	N/A	Geography as a standalone course requirement ended effective with the Class of 2011 (those who began 9th grade in 2007-2008 school year) per DCPS website. Prior to the class of 2011, 3.5 Social Studies credits were required including a 0.5 credit of World Geography. Now Geography is a combined course with World and US History.	Graduation Requirements: http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/College+and+Careers/Graduation+Requirements	Ryan Montgomery Social Studies Coordinator Email ryan.montgomery@dc.gov 202-535-1630 OCAO@dc.gov

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West Virginia	Grade 7: Geography (All other Social Studies include a geography strand.)	*4 Social Studies credits: 1 cr. U.S. to 1900 1cr. World Studies to 1900 1 cr World Studies to 1900 and Twentieth/Twenty-First Centuries. 1 cr Civics/Government.	Geography is required in middle school, but not in high school.	The decision is made at the district level. There is no state suggested course list.	N/A	According to the Social Studies Coordinator, there are around 22,000 7 th grade students who are enrolled in Geography. (per 2nd Scotchie email)	N/A	SS Curriculum Policy 2520.4 : http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/ *Effective with Class of 2012: Fourth unit must be Civics for the 21st Century. The four courses "should be taken in consecutive order." http://www.wv.gov/education/students/Pages/default.aspx	Regina Scotchie Social Studies Coordinator Office of Instruction West Virginia Department of Education 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E. Building 6, Room 608 Charleston, WV 25305 Phone: (304) 558-5325/FAX: (304) 558-1834 escotchi@access.k12.wv.us

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Wisconsin	The state of Wisconsin does not mandate specific courses for Middle School. Curriculum strands are required; the course design is based on local control	3 Social Studies Credits: State and local Government Other credits to be determined at the local level. These courses may include: United States and world history, global studies, geography, economics, anthropology, sociology, psychology, current events, and the humanities.	There is no requirement by the state of Wisconsin in middle or high school. At the local level, however, Geography may be required.	The decision is made at the district level. There is no state suggested course list.	There is a Geography strand within the Curriculum Strands, but not in the History standards.	The best available numbers are dated figures from 2000-2001. As of that school year, Wisconsin had 18,614 students enrolled in Geography coursework per Kristen McDaniel email	The state has not ever required any geography in the form of required coursework.	<p>Content Standard Social Studies Standard A - Geography: People, Places, and Environments: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/standards/ssstana.html</p> <p>High School Graduation Requirements: http://dpi.wi.gov/cal/grad11833.html</p> <p>Wisconsin allows for strong local control over education policies, regulations, and requirements. The state requirements are basically set up to allow local communities to have the flexibility to operate and make decisions that they believe are pertinent to the students that they teach.</p> <p>The list of some Social Studies courses: http://dpi.wi.gov/standards/ssstanb.html</p> <p>Curriculum strands (Behavioral Science, Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science) are the only requirement. The five strands are often studied with a focus on cultural perspectives, global connections, Eastern and Western hemispheres, ancient and medieval history including the United States and citizenship (http://dpi.wi.gov/cal/ss-scope.html)</p>	<p>Kristen McDaniel Social Studies ConsultantContent and Learning Team, DPI (608) 266-2207 kristen.mcdaniel@dpi.wi.gov Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction 125 S. Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841 Madison, WI 53707-7841</p>