

The American School in London

High School Social Studies Teacher

Reports to: the High School Principal

Hours: full time

Start date: August 2017

Salary: Competitive rates apply, from £39,597 to £86,884

Overall Purpose:

The Social Studies department offers a broad and challenging program; a sequential group of courses builds a body of knowledge, fosters critical thinking, and develops skills in research, writing, and oral expression. The High School Social Studies Teacher should be able to teach World Civilizations I (grade 9), World Civilizations II (grade 10) and United States History up to and including AP level (grade 11). Students at ASL study a number of AP courses including Human Geography, Psychology, European History, Art History, and Economics. The department also sponsors and coaches students outside the classroom, such as debate and public speaking, Model United Nations, and other appropriately related activities.

Summary of Major Responsibilities

- Teach five sections of Social Studies in either grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 as assigned
- Prepare, coordinate and plan curriculum with other members of the department, and liaise with other departments as appropriate
- Monitor and evaluate students' progress, prepare for parent conferences, complete report cards, etc.
- Exhibit knowledge of current trends, pedagogy, research, and topics of importance in social studies education by applying it in the classroom and sharing it with teachers on a departmental and school-wide basis
- Organize and participate in field trips
- Participate in regular, purposeful pedagogy meetings and in professional development sessions
- Provide continuity of the students' educational experience to allow smooth transition from/to the US education system
- Participate actively in the life of the School, through attendance at events, committee membership and leadership of extracurricular activities
- Any other duties as are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the High School Principal

Essential qualifications/experience

- A Bachelor's degree
- A minimum of three years' full-time experience teaching history, preferably with experience teaching AP Art History and/or AP US History

- Experience in a school with a similar teaching philosophy to that of ASL, which employs comparable teaching methods and curricula, or training that will adequately prepare the candidate for the American style teaching methods employed by the School
- Knowledge and understanding of international and/or independent school communities
- Evidence of significant recent professional development
- Excellent technology skills and experience integrating technology into the curriculum
- Experience in a school with a similar philosophy, teaching methods and curricula to that of ASL
- Willingness to contribute to school life outside of the classroom
- A proven commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people

Desirable qualifications/experience

- Advanced degree preferred
- Involvement in service learning programs
- Teaching experience in an international environment
- Experience teaching AP Psychology

This position description is current at the date shown but following consultation may be changed to reflect or anticipate changes in the role that are commensurate with the job title and salary.

The American School in London is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment. A disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service will be requested for all successful applicants.

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