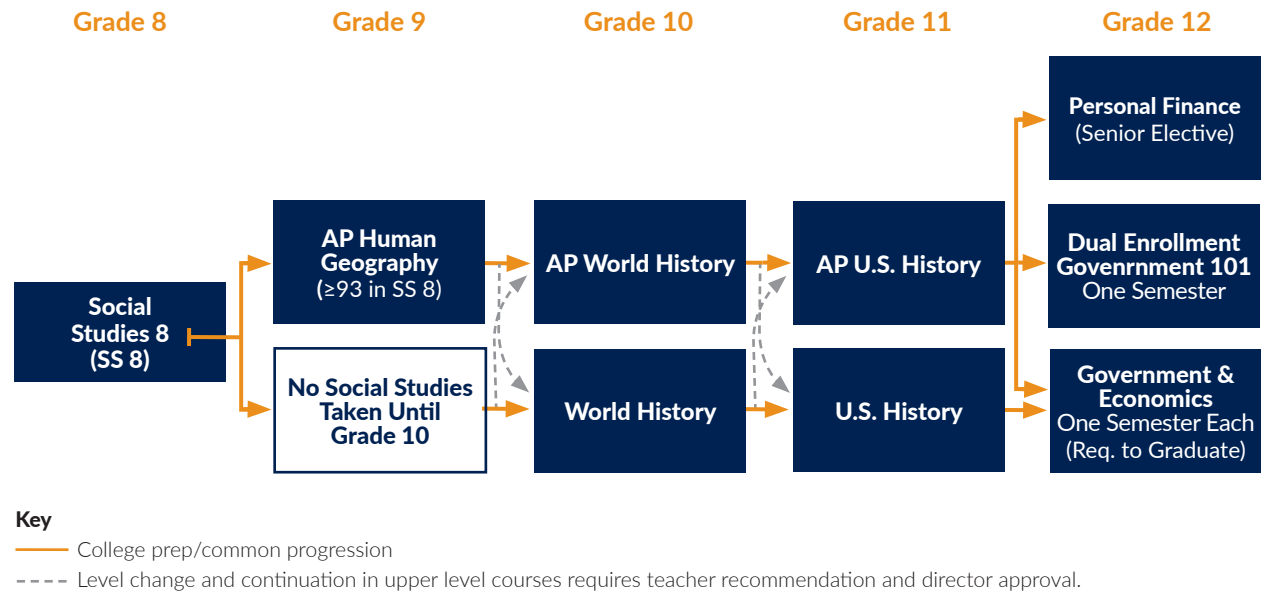


# Social Studies

This chart shows the course sequencing and progression of Social Studies in Upper School. Three credits required to graduate and must include include 1 credit in World History, 1 credit in U.S. History, 0.5 credit in Government, and 0.5 credit in Economics. Check course descriptions for all prerequisites.



## AP Human Geography

A two semester introduction to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.

**Prerequisite:** a grade of 93 or higher in 8th grade social studies and teacher recommendation

**Out of Class Expectation:** 1.5 - 2 hours/week

**Credit:** 1.0 unit

## World History

World History at Lakeview Academy helps students creates connections between different regions of the world using the themes of geography, religion, achievements, politics, economics, and social structure. This course emphasizes the development of reading, writing, analytical and research skills necessary for the purpose of developing the college bound student.

**Prerequisite:** none

**Credit:** 1.0 unit

## AP World History: Modern

A two-semester global survey of world history from 1200 CE. to the present, focusing on themes of change and continuity, patterns of interaction, the effects of technology, economics, and demographics, social and gender structures, cultural, intellectual, and religious developments, and changing political identities. A significant emphasis will be placed on interpreting primary documents and critical writing skills in preparation for the AP World History Exam.

**Prerequisite:** Teacher recommendation

**Out of Class Expectation:** 1.5 - 2 hours/week

**Credit:** 1.0 unit

## United States History

A two semester survey of U.S. history from the 15th into the 21st century that emphasizes the growth and development of the U.S. in relation to the world through a critical study of primary and secondary sources.

**Prerequisite:** none

**Credit:** 1.0 unit

## AP United States History

A two semester survey of U.S. history from the 15th into the 21st century with an emphasis on identifying principal themes in U.S. history and changing patterns of interpreting U.S. history through reading, discussion, and writing based on critical analysis of primary and secondary sources to prepare for the AP U.S. History exam.

**Prerequisite:** Teacher recommendation

**Out of Class Expectation:** 1.5 - 2 hours/week

**Credit:** 1.0 unit

## Economics

A one semester introduction to the basic concepts, institutions, and practices of the U.S. economic system, with an emphasis on developing the ideals and skills of financial responsibility as an individual and a citizen.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Credit:** 0.5 unit

## Government

A one semester introduction to the principles, institutions, and practice of U.S. local, state, and national government with an emphasis on developing ideals and skills of civic responsibility.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Credit:** 0.5 unit

## Dual Enrollment - 101 American Government

As a part of Lakeview Academy's ongoing partnership with Brenau University, American Government is taught by a Lakeview faculty member serving as an adjunct professor in the fall semester during Lakeview's regular school day. This course is an examination of the American system of government with emphasis on the growing importance of global affairs in American political life. Philosophical and historical perspectives are provided to show how institutions and processes have evolved to their present state. Comparative perspective is provided so that students may contrast the American system with other contemporary forms of government.

**Prerequisite:** Eligibility for this course is determined by Brenau University.

**Credit:** 0.5 unit

## Personal Finance (Senior Elective)

This one semester social studies elective strives to enhance each student's understanding of personal finance decision making. This course equips students with essential financial literacy for life after high school. Students will explore budgeting, saving, investing, credit management, and understanding taxes while learning to make informed financial decisions, navigate loans, and plan for future goals like college or homeownership. The course also covers insurance basics and fraud prevention. Through text study, practical exercises, simulations, and real-world scenarios, students will build confidence in managing personal finances and achieving long-term financial well-being.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Credit:** 0.5 unit

## Personal Finance (Senior Elective)

Leadership Principles is a one-semester social studies elective with no prerequisite. The course is intended for seniors and is designed to empower students with essential leadership skills including communication, decision-making, teamwork, conflict resolution, and ethical leadership. Through text study, interactive lessons, practical projects, and self-reflection, students will learn how to apply leadership principles in real-world contexts, preparing them for future leadership roles in college, careers, and their communities. The goal of this course is for students to understand their own leadership abilities and feel comfortable taking leadership roles in their own family, career, and community.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Credit:** 0.5 unit