

Social Studies

Course Title	Prerequisite	Grade Level	Length of Course	Credits Per Year	Meets Graduation Requirement in:
World Cultures 1 & 2	None	10	2 semesters	1.0	SS, NCAA

World Cultures and Geography will survey the history, human and physical geography and contemporary circumstances of major global regions.

AP Human Geography	Teacher approval	10-12	2 semesters	1.0	SS, EL, NCAA, HD Meets World Cultures require.
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***college credit may be earned through the AP exam which is administered in May. \$ There is an AP exam fee
Dual Credit Option from Lane CC; \$Course Fee to Lane CC to earn college credits**

The purpose of the AP course in Human Geography is to examine the patterns and processes that have shaped human history as well as the use and alteration of the Earth's surface. Students will examine population, migration, agriculture, politics, economics and environmental issues. Physical geography is also included. Solid reading and writing skills, along with a willingness to devote considerable time to homework and study are necessary to succeed.

U.S. History	World Cultures and Geography or AP Human Geography	11	2 semesters	1.0	SS , NCAA
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This course is a survey of the significant events in the United States in the modern era , reconstruction to the present day with a short period of time spent reviewing the founding documents and movements. Students will study cause and effect and compare and contrast strategies to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of major themes of study. Topics will include progressive reform, economics, political ideology, liberty and social justice, civil disobedience, the principles of government and the role of government in domestic and international affairs.

AP U.S. History	World Cultures & Geography or AP Human Geography	11-12	2 semesters	1.0	SS, EL, NCAA, HD Meets U.S. History requirement
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Dual Credit Option from COCC: HST 202 & 203 – 4 credits each; \$Course Fee to COCC to earn college credits**

This course is a challenging course that is meant to be the equivalent of a freshman college course and can earn students 4-year college credits. It is a two-semester survey of United States history from the colonial period to the present. Solid reading and writing skills, along with a willingness to devote considerable time to homework and study, are necessary to succeed. Throughout the year, students will be introduced to typical questions used on the AP Exam, which is administered in May. Several weeks are spent in intensive review preparing students to take the exam.

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Government	U.S. History or AP U.S. History	12	1 semester	0.5	SS, NCAA

This course is a survey of basic political concepts including political parties and voting, the U.S. Constitution and the functions of federal, state and local government systems. Emphasis will be placed on the three branches of government and the legislative process.

AP Government	U.S. History or AP U.S. History	12	2 semesters	1.0	SS, NCAA Both Gov and PF
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The express purpose of this year long course is to prepare students to take the AP Exam for U.S. Government and Politics. It requires a substantial amount of reading and preparation for every class as it is taught as it would be in college. The objectives of this course go beyond a basic analysis of how our government “works”. Students will do this by developing a critical understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the American Political system, as well as their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Students are responsible for keeping up with events in the news. Current events provide concrete connections for each lesson. Throughout the year, the course text will be supplemented by relevant articles from sources such as the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Washington Times* and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Personal Finance	None	12	1 semester	0.5	SS Meets state economics requirement
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This course is designed as a broad overview of economics in relation to self. Students will study a range of topics from supply and demand to fiscal policy and unemployment. In addition to their study of the concepts of micro and macroeconomics, specific emphasis will be placed on the impact of globalization. This course offers a practical approach to individual level economics.