



# SOCIAL STUDIES

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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**Department Mission:** The Social Studies Department prepares students to be citizens of the world and to engage as active participants in a diverse, multicultural, globally interconnected, and democratic society. Our courses allow students to explore various facets of the human experience in order to better understand the roots of current cultural, social, economic and political realities. Our aim is to equip students with the skills to approach complex challenges and opportunities through reasoned and informed decision-making.

### Information About our Courses:

- Two years (2.0 credits) of social studies are required to graduate. Most students take 3-4 years of social studies.
- All students are required to pass one year of U.S. history and one semester of a civics or government course. These are included in the graduation requirement.
- The typical course sequence is as follows:

Freshman Year	Students take World History as the introductory course in social studies, where they learn foundational reading, note-taking, writing, and historical analysis skills.
Sophomore Year	Students choose from a variety of course options designed to build on their knowledge and skills from World History, while giving them an opportunity for more in-depth study.
Junior Year	Students take U.S. history, where they further advance their reading, argumentative writing, historical analysis, and research skills.
Senior Year	Students are introduced to the broader social sciences and choose from a variety of semester or year-long course options, including several Advanced Placement courses.

- We also offer debate classes (introductory and advanced) for students who are interested in participating in our nationally ranked [GBS Debate Team](#).
- You can learn more about our course offerings in the [Glenbrook Course Guide](#).