In Grade 9, students are introduced to conceptual thinking in Geography with an emphasis on models to understand spatial patterns. There is a clear emphasis on critical thinking skills.

In Grade 10 AP Prep Civics, students are introduced to comparative politics, examining the political systems of Canada and the United States. This focus establishes the foundation for success in grade 12 AP Comparative Politics. In grade 10 AP Prep Canadian history, the critical thinking skills introduced in geography are expanded, emphasizing inquiry-based learning. Students will apply the six historical thinking concepts to an analysis of the past.

In Grade 11, our AP students take a Grade 12 course and write their first exam. This is the most taken AP exam at Assumption and it has had well over an 80% success rate. This course also develops the demographic, economic and political foundation for politics in Grade 12.

The second AP exam in our Canadian and World Studies pathway. This course applies a comparative analysis of the political systems, cultures, and challenges of 6 countries: the U.K., Mexico, Russia, Nigeria, China, and Iran, in order to critically examine how different governments address common global and domestic issues.

Grade 9

CGC1DA – AP Prep Geography

Grade 10

CHC2DA – AP Prep Canadian History

• CHV2OA – AP Prep Civics

Grade 11

CGW4UA - AP Human Geography

Grade 12

• CPW4UA – AP Comparative Government and Politics

While students can move in and out of this pathway, we see our strongest results with students who move through the entire pathway. In addition, it is recommended that students also consider the AP English Pathway as these thinking and communications skills are developed in parallel with each other. This is the path in which many of our students become AP scholars.