

Course Name: AP Human Geography

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

There are no prerequisites for AP Human Geography. Students should be able to read college-level texts and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.

WHAT this course is about:

This course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. You will also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.

WHY take this course:

The goal for this course is for students to become more geoliterate, more engaged in contemporary global issues, and more informed about multicultural viewpoints. This course will enhance your ability to build global citizenship and environmental stewardship. In addition, this year-long course will earn you a 1.0 elective credit as well as fulfill the CWA (Contemporary World Affairs) .5 credit that is required to graduate.

WHAT you'll learn:

This class will help you develop skills in approaching problems geographically, using maps and geospatial technologies, thinking critically about texts and graphic images, interpreting cultural landscapes, and applying geographic concepts.

WHAT you'll do:

You will engage in content thematically rather than regionally, focusing on case studies drawn from all world regions. Students will analyze the impacts of phenomena such as globalization, colonialism, and human–environment relationships on places, regions, cultural landscapes, and patterns of interaction. You will be able to confidently understand the complexities that people living in certain regions of the world experience and how they have interacted and continue to with the economic, social, political and environmental issues of contemporary day.

WHERE this could take you:

This class will help you develop college level critical thinking skills including real world problem applications and understanding the real-life patterns and processes of why people

live in the world where they do. The growth and foundational skills that you gain from taking this class will benefit you in continuing enrolling in AP classes in the future. A natural AP progression for the next year after enrolling in this class would be taking AP World History during your 10th grade year.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

Unit 1-Thinking Geographically

Unit 2-Population Migration Patterns and Processes

Unit 3-Cultural Patterns and Processes

Unit 4-Political Patterns and Processes

Unit 5-Agriculture and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Processes

Unit 6-Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes

Unit 7-Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes