

Course Name: AP World History Modern

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

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

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

Prior AP or honors experience encouraged, but not required if passion and work ethic is present!

WHAT this course is about:

AP World History Modern will look at the history of the world (c. 1200 to present) while focusing on Six AP World History themes. These themes will be used throughout the course to identify broad patterns and processes that explain change and continuity over time.

The themes serve as the connective tissue of the course and enable students to create meaningful connections across units. They are often broader ideas that become threads that run throughout the course. Revisiting them and applying them in a variety of contexts helps students to develop deeper conceptual understanding.

Below are the themes of the course:

- Human interaction with the environment
- Social structures
- Political structures
- Economic structures
- Cultural structures
- Technology

Below are the historical thinking skills of the course:

- Identify and explain historical developments and processes
- Analyze sourcing and situation of primary and secondary sources
- Analyze arguments in primary and secondary sources
- Analyze the contexts of historical events, developments, or processes,
- Using historical reasoning processes, analyze patterns and connections between and among historical developments and processes
- Develop an argument

WHY take this course:

AP World History Modern is a course designed for the exceptionally motivated high school student who wishes to potentially earn college credit in high school through a rigorous academic program. It will also help hone historical thinking skills necessary for future classes both in high school and college.

WHAT you'll learn:

This class approaches history in a way that looks at the common threads of humanity over time—trade, religion, politics, society, and technology—and it investigates how these things have changed and continued over time in different places. AP World History Modern builds on an understanding of cultural, institutional, and technological precedents that, along with geography, set the stage for societal development. The course emphasizes relevant factual knowledge, in conjunction with interpretative analysis of historical issues and primary document evidence. In short, you will come away from the course “knowing world history” and being able to “do world history.”

WHAT you'll do:

You will cover a chapter about every two weeks, building on the content skills of the class. The AP Test is highly encouraged in May, which can lead to college credit.

WHERE this could take you:

This class can earn you college credit, but also prepares you for AP U.S. History, A.P. Comparative Government and U.S. Government, and any other high-level or AP course. Passing the AP Test in May can also grant you college credit.

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

The class is broken into four units, each will take about a quarter to complete:

Unit 1: Diversity and Interaction in the World of c. 1200 to c. 1450

Unit 2: The Early Modern World, c. 1450-c. 1750

Unit 3: Revolutions and Consequences of Industrialization, c. 1750 to c. 1900

Unit 4: Accelerating Global change and realignments, c. 1900 to present