

➔ Overview of AP Euro

If you're on the fence about taking AP Euro, you should familiarize yourself with the general course to gain a little more insight about what you could learn. The course covers over 550 years of European history in 9 units and focuses on developing historical thinking skills.

Take a look at the course and exam structures:

AP European History Course

Unit Title	Time Period	Exam Weighing
Unit 1: Renaissance and Exploration	c. 1450 - c. 1648	10-15%
Unit 2: Age of Reformation	c. 1450 - c. 1648	10-15%
Unit 3: Absolutism and Constitutionalism	c. 1648 - c. 1815	10-15%
Unit 4: Scientific, Philosophical, and Political Developments	c. 1648 - c. 1815	10-15%
Unit 5: Conflict, Crisis, and Reaction in the Late 18th Century	c. 1648 - c. 1815	10-15%
Unit 6: Industrialization and Its Effects	c. 1815 - c. 1914	10-15%
Unit 7: 19th-Century Perspectives and Political Developments	c. 1815 - c. 1914	10-15%
Unit 8: 20th-Century Global Conflicts	c. 1914 - present	10-15%
Unit 9: Cold War and Contemporary Europe	c. 1914 - present	10-15%

Connections to Other AP Courses

There are a few courses that can significantly decrease the difficulty of AP Euro, specifically AP World History and AP US History.

If you're one of the many students who take AP World or APUSH before AP Euro, you already have prior knowledge of history as well as strong historical reasoning skills. While you'll be focusing on *European* history during this course, the experience that you gained through AP World or APUSH can provide contextualization to events in AP Euro. There is some overlap, so pay attention!

The exam structures for AP World, APUSH, and AP Euro are identical as well, meaning that there will likely be less of a learning curve. The exam will feel familiar, starting with the multiple-choice section and ending with the free-response section. The content might be different, but the rubrics are the same!

Can I take AP Euro if I haven't had AP in the past?

If AP Euro will be your first AP history course, don't worry! Prior experience isn't necessary to succeed in the course and knowing the format of the exam can only get you so far. Focus on building your knowledge of the course and developing strong historical reasoning skills. Remember to familiarize yourself with the exam structure and rubrics throughout the year, but don't make it everything.

Is AP Euro Worth Taking?

General Interest

If you're passionate about European history and or would love to learn the details there hasn't been time for or perhaps you love Art history, you should definitely take this AP course! When you're interested in the subject, learning the content and associated skills become so much more enjoyable. While you may choose not to pursue history in the future, there's no harm in taking a course for fun! The knowledge that you'll gain from the experience will be useful for a lifetime!

College Credit + Major

[The College Board's AP Exam Score to College Credit Policies](#)

The opportunity to earn college credit is a major bonus to taking any AP exam. Depending on the college that you attend, a passing score on the AP Euro exam can earn you introductory European history course credits. If you're planning to pursue a major related to history, these credits can be especially helpful in enabling you to take more advanced courses earlier. If you're planning to pursue an unrelated major, these credits can fulfill various elective requirements. Check out credit policies at colleges that you're considering in order to plan your future!