

# AP Human Geography

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

AP Human Geography is a year-long course that focuses on the distribution, processes, and effects of human populations on the planet. AP Human Geography is a rigorous, interactive course that teaches students how to think geographically. Students will develop excellent thinking and problem solving skills and gain a new perspective on the world in which we live.

## COURSE GOALS

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Use and think about maps and spatial data.
- Recognize and interpret patterns of spatial organization and material character of Earth's surface.
- Assess the nature and significance of the relationships among phenomena that occur in the same place.
- Understand how events and processes at different scales influence one another.
- Define regions and evaluate the regionalization process.
- Characterize and analyze changing interconnections among places.

## GENERAL COURSE TOPICS/UNITS

Unit 1: Geography—Basic Concepts and Mapping

Unit 2: Agricultural and Rural Land Use

Unit 3: Population and Migration

Unit 4: Cultural Patterns and Processes: Popular/Folk Culture and Ethnicity

Unit 5: Cultural Patterns and Processes: Language and Religion

Unit 6: Political Geography

Unit 7: Industrialization and Economic Development

Unit 8: Cities and Urban Land Use

## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE COURSE

- Notebook, College Rule (2)
- Pencil, Pen, Standard pack of Colored Pencils, and a Highlighter (1 of each)
- Class Binder(1)
- Other Materials may be required as our class evolves
- Recommended Purchase of a Current AP Human Geography Study Guide:
  - Cracking the AP Human Geography Exam- Princeton Review
  - Barron's AP Human Geography
  - Kaplan's AP Human Geography
  - 5 Steps to a 5- AP Human Geography
  - AP Human Geography- Crash Course

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS/PROCEDURES FOR SUCCESS

**Participation/Attendance-** Constructive and respectful participation is REQUIRED. All discussions/activities will be graded. Please do not pack up your stuff before we have finished for the day. Please do not wait by the door at the end of the class period.

*School Tardy Policy:* 4 tardies= referral, and later than 10 min late to class in an unexcused absence.

**Food/Drink:** Food and drink in the class is a **privilege**, so the classroom should be left at least as clean as you found it.

**Cell Phones-** Cell Phones ARE NOT PERMITTED to be out in any fashion DURING THE CLASS PERIOD, *unless instructed by the instructor* to be used as a *tool*.

**Notebooks** - Students are to take responsibility to create this resource which may include lecture notes, vocabulary terms, geographical illustrations, field notes, etc.

**Homework-** Students will be assigned homework on a weekly basis to supplement lesson content, and students will be responsible to complete homework **on time**. There will be a 10% deduction for all LATE HOMEWORK, and late work will not be accepted after the unit in which they were assigned.

**Geography Quizzes-** There may be weekly map quizzes testing basic geographic knowledge, such as major oceans, major cities, countries, and continents.

**Unit Exams-** Each unit exam will be crafted to reflect the AP Exam. It will consist of two sections- A multiple choice section and a Free Response Question (FRQ) essay response.

**AP Exam-** The AP Exam will be on Friday (May 15, 2015). The exam will consist of 75 multiple choice questions and three Free Response Questions essays. There will be plenty of review sessions throughout the course prior to the exam.

## GRADING SCALE

90-100%= A

80-89% = B

70-79%= C

60-69%= D

50-59%= F

Grades will be updated and posted at least every two weeks.

## CLASS EXPECTATIONS

**BE RESPECTFUL-** We are building a classroom community which depends on each and every one of us being actively engaged and respectful of the right of others to participate and learn. Every student has the right to learn without unnecessary interruption. Behave in a manner that allows students to learn. If you interrupt another student's learning, there will be consequences.

**BE PREPARED-** Come to class everyday prepared to participate and learn. This means to always bring writing utensils (pens and pencils), notebooks, class binder/folder, colored pencils, and appropriate readings materials (ex. Textbook, Articles, etc). In this class, being prepared means also coming to class on time, immediately starting the daily Due Now, and being ready to SLANT.

**BE DISCIPLINED-** This course will require all students to complete and turn in their work ON TIME, come to class willing to participate in the learning process, and to study and master all material over the course of this class. People and property enjoy the right to be unharmed in any way. If you harm any person or any property in the classroom, there will be a consequence.