

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY APPLICATION

ABOUT AP

AP enables students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Each culminating in a rigorous exam, AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit and/or advanced placement. Taking AP courses also demonstrates to college admission officers that students have sought out the most rigorous course work available to them.

This AP course is modeled upon a comparable college course, and college and university faculty play a vital role in ensuring that AP courses align with college-level standards. Talented and dedicated AP teachers help AP students in classrooms around the world develop and apply the content knowledge and skills they will need later in college.

Each AP course concludes with a college-level assessment developed and scored by college and university faculty and experienced AP teachers. AP Exams are an essential part of the AP experience, enabling students to demonstrate their mastery of college-level course work. Most four-year colleges and universities in the United States and universities in more than 60 countries recognize AP in the admission process and grant students credit, placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam scores.

Performing well on an AP Exam means more than just the successful completion of a course; it is a gateway to success in college. Research consistently shows that students who receive a score of 3 or higher on AP Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the AP course in Human Geography is to introduce 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 human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. This course covers the following topics:

1. Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives
2. Population
3. Cultural Patterns and Processes
4. Political Organization of Space
5. Agricultural and Rural Land Use
6. Industrialization and Economic Development
7. Cities and Urban Land Use

Upon Completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Interpret maps and analyze geospatial data
2. Understand and explain the implications of associations and networks among phenomena in places
3. Recognize and interpret the relationships among patterns and processes at different scales of analysis
4. Define regions and evaluate the regionalization process
5. Characterize and analyze changing interconnections among places

Source: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-human-geography/course-details>

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Please be aware that AP courses require student proficiency in the following criteria:

- Participation in Class
- Interest in History and Geography
- Work Ethic
- Grades
- Literacy Skills (reading and writing)
- Attendance
- In Class Behavior
- Effective Group Work Behavior

Mrs. Van De Graaff will teach the course. If you are interested in taking this AP course, please return the signed form below to your US History teacher by **February 28**. Returning this form does not guarantee students a position in the class. However, students who return the signed form will receive priority in registration.

Contact Mrs. Van De Graaff with any questions or concerns - kristen.vandegraaff@nebo.edu

Student Name: _____

Current History Teacher: _____ Current History Class Period: _____

2017-18 History Grades: First Term: _____ Second Term: _____ Third Term: _____

Current English Teacher: _____ Current English Class Period: _____

2017-18 English Grades: First Term: _____ Second Term: _____ Third Term: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____