



AP WORLD HISTORY

Description

The purpose of the AP World History course is to develop greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts, in interaction with different types of human societies. This understanding is advanced through a combination of selective factual knowledge and appropriate analytical skills. The course highlights the nature of change in international frameworks and their causes and consequences as well as comparison among major societies. The course emphasizes relevant factual knowledge deployed in conjunction with leading interpretive issues and types of historical evidence. The course builds on an understanding of cultural, institutional, and technological precedents that, along with geography, set the human stage. Periodization, explicitly discussed, forms an organizing principle for dealing with change and continuity throughout the course. Specific themes provide further organization to the course, along with the consistent attention to contracts among societies that form the core of world history as a field of study.

This course is open to all high school students, 9th to 12th grades.

Special requirements

Strong reading and writing skills are necessary.

Student costs/Materials to be supplied by students

Other information

Students may receive college credit for this course by taking the Advanced Placement Examination and earning a score acceptable to their college. This acceptable score varies from school to school and department to department.