

Course Information

AP Human Geography

Department: Social Studies

Course Length: 2 semesters

Grade levels): 9

Date Last Reviewed: August 2024

Prerequisite (if applicable) : None

Board Approved (if known):

Course Description and Purpose: Advanced Placement Human Geography, according to the College Board, is a college-level course that is “designed to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the Earth’s surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences.” Topics include: geography as a field of inquiry, population, cultural patterns and processes, organizational agriculture and land use, industrialization and economic development, cities and urban land use. Students may earn college credit by scoring well on the A.P. College Board exam for Human Geography. Students who enroll in A.P. Human Geography must still fulfill the government requirement for graduation and take either A.P. US Government and Politics or Political Science during high school. Political Science is also offered in Summer School.

Course Standards:

[Wisconsin Standards for Social Studies](#)

Geography Strand: Students gain geographical perspectives of the world by studying the earth and the interactions of people with places where they live, work, and play. Knowledge of geography helps students to address the various cultural, economic, social, and civic implications of life in earth’s many environments.

Wisconsin students will...

Social Studies Inquiry Practices and Processes

1. Construct meaningful questions that initiate an inquiry.
2. Gather and evaluate sources.

3. Develop claims using evidence to support reasoning.
4. Communicate and critique conclusions.
5. Be civically engaged.

Geography

1. Use geographic tools and ways of thinking to analyze the world.
2. Analyze human movement and population patterns.
3. Examine the impacts of global interconnections and relationships.
4. Evaluate the relationship between identity and place.
5. Evaluate the relationship between humans and the environment.

Desired Results**AP Human Geography Course and Exam Description**

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/ap-human-geography-course-and-exam-description.pdf>

Textbook

The Cultural Landscape by James Rubenstein. Prentice Hall.

Primary Resources