

10th Grade Social Studies Options

World History **or** AP European History **or** AP World History

In 10th grade, students have the option of enrolling in a college-level course, AP Euro or AP World, as an alternative to World History. Below are some FAQs to help determine the best choice for each individual student. **Please contact the teachers of these courses and/or your counselor for additional information. Make the right choice for you!**

What is an AP class?

AP stands for Advanced Placement. These are college-level courses that you can take in high school. By passing an Exam in May, you will **earn college credit!**

Should I consider taking an AP social studies class?

YES! There are no prerequisites for AP Euro or AP World. If you enjoy learning about other cultures and time periods, want to better understand the world of today, and are willing to work hard, then **AP is for you!**

How hard will I have to work?

As with any course, there is a steeper learning curve at the beginning. Homework time varies depending on your focus, reading/analytical skills, and achievement goals. For AP History courses, some students can get reading and study time down to about 45 minutes! **Our target is for reading, taking notes, and reviewing information to take students about an hour each night.**

What about my GPA and getting into college?

Colleges look at the rigor of the classes you take as well as the grades you earn. In most cases you are better off getting a lower grade in a more challenging class. In addition, all grades in AP classes at Wayzata HS are “weighted.” This means that, if you earn a C or better, your weighted grade will be one letter grade higher. On your transcript you will see both your “weighted” and “unweighted” grades.

What if I don’t have the best academic skills, or I don’t know if I do?

That’s OK. Both AP Euro and AP World teachers will help you develop the skills needed for success. Further, the reading, note-taking, and analytical skills you develop will help you throughout your high school years and beyond. Our goal is to help you become a more efficient and effective student. In other words, we want you to **spend less time on your classes and achieve better results!** Also, there is an optional one-term elective **Prep for AP History course** you can take to get additional support.

Which is the best course for you? (See the registration guide for more information)

World History (Two Terms)	Students will explore human history starting with the beginnings of human society and early civilization (before 1000 BCE) to the present.
AP Euro (Terms 1-3)	Students will learn about the cultural, economic, political and social developments that have shaped today’s world through the study of European history from the year 1450 to the present.
AP World (Terms 2-4)	Students will examine the story of humans in all regions of the world from pre-history and the earliest civilizations to the present, with particular focus given to events in major regions of the world since 1200 CE.



Do colleges give credit for AP European History or AP World History? Yes!
Students earn college credit by taking and passing the course-specific AP Exam in May. Specific credits and number of credits depends on the college or university. The College Board does provide a search tool that provides this information. Use the QR Code or [click here to access this feature](#), or if there is a specific university that interests you, go to that school's website for more details.

Where can AP Euro take you in life?

According to the [College Board - 17 Majors, and 64 Career Areas](#)



Where can AP World take you in life?

According to the [College Board - 24 Majors, and 73 Career Areas](#)



Next Steps?

Whether you are in Civics or Honors Civics, you can have fun and be successful in an AP History class. Talk with your parents, your counselor, and your Civics teacher about what is the best option for you.

For more information, send an email or stop by the 4th Floor C Tower and talk with any of the history teachers!

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