

APHG Syllabus Fall 2025



Google Classroom Code:

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Conference Times: A Days 2:30 - 3:30
B Days 2:30 - 3:30
Virtual Learning Lab: B Days 9:00 - 3:30

Intro: Welcome to Bentonville Virtual School! It is a pleasure to have you in class this semester. According to the National Council for Social Studies, "The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world" (NCSS, *What is Social Studies*). This is going to be an exciting, challenging course! I can't wait to get started!

Course Description: The AP Human Geography course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surfaces. Students learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student.

Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the national AP exam on May 5, 2026.

District Grading: Student's course grades will be determined entirely by their evidence of learning of course standards (100% weight). Students may also receive practice/homework grades as feedback to track their progress in this course (0% weight).

Students will also receive feedback in HAC (Home Access Center) on the achievement of learning habits at least quarterly. Learning habits assessed will be time management and engagement in learning. Students will receive marks of either DC (Demonstrates Consistently), IC (Progressing, but Inconsistent) or NY (Not Yet, Rarely, or Not Observed). Unless we work on a specific assignment together as a class, all assignments will count as Evidence of Learning in Eschool.

Late Work Policy: Weekly deadlines are Sundays at 11:59 p.m. If work for the week is submitted after that time, it is considered to be late. Students have one week to submit late work (including asynchronous times on Wednesdays and Thursdays), after which students will receive a "Z" in the gradebook for that missing work.

Weekly Schedule:

1. Course Introduction
2. Tools of Human Geography
3. Spatial Concepts
4. Human-Environment Interaction
5. Population Dynamics
6. The Demographic Transition
7. Population Policies
8. Migration
9. The Cultural Landscape
10. Cultural Diffusion
11. Religion
12. Language
13. Ethnicity and Race
14. Political Geography
15. Defining Boundaries
16. Forms of Governance
17. Semester Review
18. Semester Exam
19. Agriculture
20. Revolutions
21. Globalization of Agriculture
22. Environmental Impacts
23. Women in Agriculture
24. Urban Patterns
25. World Cities
26. Services
27. Urban Sustainability
28. Challenges of Cities
29. The Industrial Revolution
30. Economic Sectors
31. Development
32. The World Economy
33. Theories of Development
34. **Exam May 5, 2026**
35. Semester Review
36. Semester Test

Tips for Success:

1. Ask for help!
2. Check your email!
3. Devote time to this!
4. Ask for help!