

United States History AP

One Year: 10 Credits

Course Overview:

This course will explore and consider the economic, social, and political issues/events in US History from 1750 to the present. An emphasis will be placed on the understanding of historical concepts and on the development of critical thinking skills. Students will be given a summer assignment, focusing on the first three chapters of the text, which will be due on the first day of class. Extensive reading and essay examinations utilizing AP materials will be given.

On UC/CSU approved course list: a

Prerequisites:

Junior standing with the ability to read a college-level text, understands and incorporates multiple historical documents, and writes at a collegiate level.

Recommendation:

English and World Civilization with a grade of B+ or better, and a B average overall.

Homework:

Students should expect four to six hours per week of homework and plan to take the AP exam in the spring.

United States Government & Politics AP

One semester: 5 credits

Course Overview:

This course will introduce students to the historical, philosophical and political aspects of government in the United States. Students will explore general concepts used to interpret American politics, analyze case studies, and examine how government institutions and political processes produce policies that impact Americans and the world. An emphasis will be placed on the understanding of concepts and on the development of critical thinking skills. Current issues and examples are emphasized to illustrate the course's concepts. Extensive reading and essay examinations utilizing AP materials will be given.

On UC/CSU approved course list: a

Prerequisites:

Senior standing with the ability to read a college-level text, understand and incorporate historical and primary sources, and write at a collegiate level.

Recommendation:

World Civilization and US History AP with a grade of a B+ or better, and a B average overall.

Homework:

Students should expect four to six hours per week of homework and plan to take the AP exam in the spring.

Micro/Macro Economics AP

One year: 10 credits

Course Overview:

AP Microeconomics is a college-level course focusing on an in-depth introduction to the functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the larger economic system. The course will emphasize basic economic concepts, the nature and functions of product markets, factor markets, economic efficiency, and the role of government in the economy.

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AP Macroeconomics is a college level course focusing on the study of national income and price determination, measures of economic performance, economic growth, and international economics.

On UC/CSU approved course list:

Prerequisites:

Senior standing with the ability to read a college-level text and write at a collegiate level

Recommendation:

US History or US History AP with a grade of B+ or better, and a B average overall. Completion of algebra and geometry are highly recommended.

Homework:

Extensive testing, oftentimes utilizing AP materials, will be given. Students should expect to spend four to six hours per week of homework and plan to take the AP exam in the spring.

Human Geography AP

One semester: 5 credits

Course Overview:

This course explores the dynamics of human population movement, patterns of culture, economic use of the earth's resources, political organization of territory, the process and results of urbanization, and the development and importance of agriculture. Students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of the interrelationship between people and the physical environment. The political, social, and economic concepts learned in previous courses are brought together to examine the impact of society on the environment. An emphasis will be placed on the understanding of concepts and on the development of critical thinking skills. Extensive reading and essay examinations utilizing AP materials will be given.

On UC/CSU approved course list: g

Prerequisites:

Senior or junior standing with the ability to read a college-level text, understand and incorporate primary sources, and write at a collegiate level.

Recommendation:

Basic Geography, World Civilization and US History AP with a grade of a B+ or better, and a B average overall.

Homework:

Students should expect four hours per week of homework and plan to take the AP exam in the spring.