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*Geography is everything and everything is geography.*

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# AP Human Geography

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This course will focus on the underlying principles and concepts of the social science of human geography. We will explore the various components that make up the discipline of human geography including development, resource use, urbanization, political geography, and more. We will analyze global politics as well, in an effort to understand how human geography may impact the political and cultural boundaries of the globe.

Due to an emphasis on study skills and habits, this course is highly recommended for students planning to take other Advanced Placement courses during high school.

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## Units of Study

### Unit 1 – Geography perspectives

- Study maps and how they give you understanding of the world

### Unit 2 – Population and Migration

- How population effects policy
- The location and issues of immigration

### Unit 3 – Cultural Patterns

- Comparing cultures around the world including languages and religions.

### Unit 4 – Political Organization

- Discuss the different political issues and conflicts between countries

### Unit 5 – Agriculture

- Compare and Contrast agricultural practices and how they affect society, environment and our health.

### Unit 6 – Cities and Urban Land Use

- Practical understanding how cities work

### Unit 7 - Industrialization and Economic Development

- Examine how countries develop and compete to develop your own country

## Are there any prerequisites for AP Human Geography?

There are no prerequisites for AP Human Geography. However, this is a college level course, and a strong background in reading and vocabulary is beneficial. It does fulfill your 10<sup>th</sup> grade history requirement.

## What kinds of questions are on the AP Human Geography Exam?

The AP Human Geography Exam includes both a 60 minute multiple-choice section and a 75 minute free response section that has 3 parts.

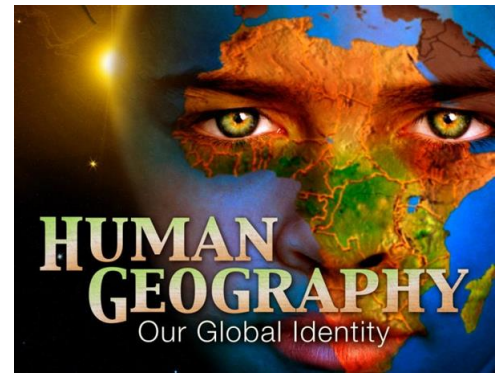
## What specific skills do middle school students need to have to be successful in AP Human Geography?

Ability to read, write and think critically. Use academic vocabulary in the proper setting. Manage time wisely. Collaborate with other students and advocate for himself/herself.

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## More Information

### Difficulty

College course content, but in a high school setting (including lots of support and guidance)

### Average Workload

Regular reading assignments of 5-15 pages, more emphasis on quizzes and tests, fewer written homework assignments, approximately 3-5 hours per week of out of class time needed for the typical APHG student.

### Typical Schedule

Most students taking the course also take mainly Advanced-level courses, especially in English.

### GPA Impact

Weighted GPA average of 10 points (on average, NOT on the grade).

## Why take AP Human Geography?

- Gain a new and exciting view of the world!
- You will make relevant connections to everything going on in the world today
- Get the foundational skills that will prepare you for future AP Classes
- Potential college credit