

COURSE OVERVIEW

Human Geography is an Advanced Placement course that introduces students to a systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Units of study include population, migration, culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political geography, economic development, industry, agriculture, and urban geography. Students will analyze geographic models and their application, as well as investigate case studies from around the world to compare geographic regions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and process that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface;
- To learn about and employ the methods of geographers, especially including observation, mapmaking, data gathering and reporting, and technical writing;
- To employ spatial concepts, geographic vocabulary, and landscape interpretation to a variety of locations and situations around the globe and in local areas;
- To develop a geographic perspective with which to view the landscape and understand current events.

PRIMARY TEXT

Rubenstein, James M. *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography*. 11th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2005.

**** In keeping with the expectations and pace of a college course, it is the students' responsibility to read and master the content of the textbook with little or no additional support from the teacher.*

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS

I recommend that students have an AP Review Guide to use throughout the year. The review guide is a useful tool for anyone wishing to pass the AP exam. Choose *one* guide, not several. You can find older, used versions for very low prices. There are several great choices. Some include DVDs or flash cards. Here are a few examples, but you can choose another publisher if you want.

- Princeton Review: Cracking the AP Human Geography Exam
- Barron's: AP Human Geography Review book
- 5 steps to a 5: 500 AP Human Geography Questions to Know by Test Day

COURSE OUTLINE

UNIT I – The Nature and Perspectives of Geography (3 weeks)

Reading: Rubenstein Ch. 1 "Basic Concepts"

UNIT II Population and Migration (6 weeks)

Reading: Rubenstein, chs. 2-3 "Population and Health," "Migration"

UNIT III Cultural Patterns and Processes (8 weeks)

Reading: Rubenstein 4-7 "Folk and Popular Culture," "Languages," "Religions," "Ethnicities"

UNIT IV Political Geography (2 weeks)

Reading: Rubenstein, Ch. 8 "Political Geography"

UNIT V Agriculture, Food Production, and Rural Land Use (3 weeks)

Reading: Rubenstein ch. 10 "Food and Agriculture"

UNIT VI Industrialization and Economic Development (4 weeks)

Reading: Rubenstein chs 9, 11-12 "Development," "Industry and Manufacturing," "Services & Settlements"

UNIT VII Cities and Urban Land Use (3 weeks)

Reading: Rubenstein ch. 13 "Urban Patterns"

ASSESSMENT & GRADING*Professionalism* [10% of the quarterly grade]

- Students will earn professionalism grades for complying with the class agreements and school norms (ex. refraining from cell-phone use, avoiding off-topic side conversations, staying alert, etc.).

Homework [10% of the quarterly grade]

- Students will receive a calendar of assignments at the beginning of each unit of study (usually 3-6 weeks per calendar). This calendar includes ALL the homework reading assignments for the unit as well as the dates of summative assessments.
- Homework assignments (Reading notes) are due on the date listed and will be graded for completion.

Formative Assessments [0% of quarterly grade]

- Practice work done during each unit: Notes, discussions, classwork tasks, quizzes, webquests, etc.
- Student work will often receive some form of evaluation (comments, rubric scores, discussion feedback, etc.), but any scores for these assignments **will not** average into the quarter grade.
- Formative assessments exist to prepare for the summative unit assessments. Failing to complete formative assessments will result in a complete lack of preparedness for summative assessments.

Summative Assessments [80% of quarterly grade]

- End-of-unit performance or product assessments (may include unit tests, map assessments, current events analysis, free response questions, projects, etc.)
- Scores **will** count toward the quarter grade (80%)
- Revision opportunities will be available to help students boost their assessment scores by one letter grade, but only for those students who have earned a high professionalism grade for the unit (an A or B) AND have completed all homework notes.

IT IS OUR EXPECTATION THAT ALL STUDENTS WHO ENROLL IN AN AP COURSE WILL TAKE THE AP EXAM

Date: Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 12:00pm

Total Time: 2 Hours 15 Minutes

Section I: Multiple Choice | 75 Questions | 60 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score

- Define, explain, and apply geographic concepts
- Interpret geographic data

Section II: Free Response | 3 Questions | 75 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score

- Each question will have several parts, listed as A, B, C, etc.
- Each question will be weighted equally when scoring the exam.