

AP Human GEOGRAPHY

SYLLABUS - FALL SEMESTER

Contact Information:

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Room 105

Visit Schoology (learn.rdale.org) for more information!

After school help is available during Hawk Lunch & Learn or by appointment.

Materials:

Please see me if you have trouble getting any of these items. You should bring them to class **every day**.

- Chromebook (Access to Schoology & Google Docs)
- Pen/Pencil
- Binder Space
- Notebook
- Highlighter
- Textbook (hard copy or online access)

Course Description:

Welcome to Advanced Placement Human Geography! Not only does this year-long course meet the state and district requirements for graduation, but it also prepares students to take the APHG exam on **Tuesday May 14, 2019**.

As described by the AP website: *The AP Human Geography course is equivalent to an introductory college-level course in human geography. The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.*

The course will be challenging and will require your attention outside of our class meeting times. There will be homework most nights and you will be expected to do it. If we work hard together, the payout could be huge... free college credits if you score well on the national exam at the end of the year!

Course Objectives:

By engaging in a college-level human geography course, students should learn to do the following:

- Read sophisticated texts and academic writings.
- Write well-constructed short essays and research projects.
- Think critically by synthesizing a variety of perspectives and information from various sources.
- Discuss controversial issues with maturity and openness.
- Analyze various forms of geospatial data.
- *Present field work and/or research using both visual and oral formats.*
- Work collaboratively with fellow students to analyze real-world issues.



Behavior & Academic Expectations:

- Be honest in your work.
- Be accountable for your learning.
- Do your best work every time.
- Be kind to yourself as you learn and grow in these skills.
- Be respectful of yourself, others, and technology.

Units of Study:**I. What is Geography? Geography - Its Nature and Perspectives****II. Population and Migration****III. Cultural Patterns & Processes**

IV. Political Organizations of Space

V. Industrialization & Economic Development

VI. Agriculture, Food Production, & Rural Land Use

VII. Cities and Urban Land Use

Grading Policy/Procedures:

Final grades will be comprised mostly of assessments (test and quizzes), homework, and projects. Students will be allowed to do multiple choice test corrections provided they have all their previous work from the unit complete.

All assessments must be submitted by the beginning of class on the day it is due unless stated otherwise.