

# AP Human Geography

**Open to incoming 9th grade students:** This class takes the place of the Global Studies requirement at the freshman level and is considered the more challenging 9th grade course

## These are some of the topics we will cover:

### Population

→ health, growth, density, migration, refugees

### Cultural Patterns

→ folk and pop culture, cultural landscapes, focusing on the basics of religion and language and their diffusion

### Political Organization

→ states and nations, forms of government, shapes and boundaries, geopolitics, supranational organizations

### Agricultural and Rural Land Use

→ agricultural revolutions, types of agriculture, layout, GMOs, patterns on land, climate, agribusiness

### Cities and Urban Land Use

→ hearths, types, models, gentrification, new trends, industrial revolution, commodities, technology

### Industrialization and Economic Development

→ economy, UN Goals, social issues, instability, the developing world

## Some determining factors in the student's choice to succeed or not in the course and on the AP Exam are:

- Attitude and interest
- Motivation
- Commitment to academic and personal pride
- Organization and time management skills
- Attention to detail
- Attendance

**Important note:** our 9th graders are up against other 9th graders, but also 10th, 11th, and 12th graders who may have more experience with AP classes and who often take the class as an elective

The AP Human Geography test is divided into two sections. There are 60 multiple choice questions and three Free Response Questions (FRQs).

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## Quotes from passed students:

“To me this class is very educational, and I learn so much. It helps me get a better understanding of what goes on in the world around me. The class is harder, but for me I like a challenge, and if I need any help Mrs. Zavacke is there to help at any time.” ~E.B., Bristol

“I really enjoy this class, and it’s probably one of my favorites. It can be a lot of work, but she makes the class fun, and I like how it is more current than a regular history class.” ~I.B, Wheatland

“The class is a lot of hard work but she sets you up for success so it’s really hard to do badly. We were expecting a challenge, but it is still fairly easy to maintain an A in the class if you use all of your resources.” ~H.A., Salem

“Having good time management in this class is important, and you need to make sure you’re getting your work done on time. If you actually do the work, this class is easy.” ~E.S., Paris

“This class introduces us to different perspectives and changes how a student thinks about international events. If a student is willing to put in the effort they will do extremely well!” ~R.N. Wheatland

MEAN SCORE		
YOUR GROUP	WI	GLOBAL
3.01	3.08	2.66

% SCORES 3 OR HIGHER		
YOUR GROUP	WI	GLOBAL
61.1%	65.2%	51.6%