

# AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

## QUICK REFERENCE INFORMATION

*AP Human Geography is a College-Level course provided to high school students. Enrollment is open students in grades 9-12 and is offered in lieu of their World History credit for freshman.*



## COMMON QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE COURSE, ITS CONTENT, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**What will I learn about in this class?** AP Human Geography is the study of both physical and cultural geography, as well as how the two interact with each other. Topics include items such as population, migration, culture, religions, politics, agriculture, and economic development.

**How much work is involved?** Students in AP Human Geography should expect to have homework nightly. Students must also read two books, while completing the unit one work during the summer. In addition, there is a summer mapping project and weekly geography quizzes in addition to other assessments. Studying should be an on-going task, not only the night before a test/quiz.

**What are the requirements to sign up for this class?** This class does not have any pre-requisite requirements. The targeted student is someone who is college-bound and has not yet taken an AP class before. This course is occasionally offered as an elective open to students 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade at MHS. If you will be in grades 10-12, discuss taking this class with your guidance counselor and current Social Studies teacher. If you are an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grader, keep the following recommendations in mind: (1) You must maintain above average to excellent grades in your current social studies course and 2) receive a teacher recommendation from your social studies teacher.

**What's the advantage to taking an AP class as a freshman?** To this question I must ask you: What's the disadvantage? If you are a college-bound, hardworking student, you have no disadvantage. During the first quarter, or semester, you may find yourself questioning why you are here. Keep in mind that it is a college course, not college prep. When you begin applying to colleges in a few years the fact that you took this course, even if you get a C, will be an advantage over those who did not. Students who have taken this class in the past have also returned to share how much easier their other AP courses are because they took this one first. You also receive an extra quality point added to your G.P.A. just for taking this course.

**Do you still have questions?** Email Mrs. Benson at [camille.benson@maryville-schools.org](mailto:camille.benson@maryville-schools.org)