

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE & ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Advanced Placement Human Geography

<http://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-human-geography>

Grade: 9-12 Length: One Year

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: *AP Human Geography* course studies people; how they influence and are influenced by the world we live in. It uses maps and spatial data to pose and solve problems, discovers the changing interconnections between different groups of people and places, and define regions and evaluate the reasons they come into being.

Advanced Placement World History

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-world-history>

Grade: 10 Length: One Year

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: *AP World History* course studies the interaction between humans and the environment, demography and disease, migration, patterns of settlement, and technology that lead to the development of the world we know today.

Advanced Placement United States History

<http://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-united-states-history>

Grade: 11 Length: One Year

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: *AP United States History* course is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and enduring understandings necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. Students will learn to assess historical materials—their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability, and their importance—and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship.

Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics

<http://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-united-states-government-and-politics>

Grade: 12 Length: One Semester

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: *AP United States Government and Politics* course provides an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. political reality.

Advanced Placement Macroeconomics / Advanced Placement Microeconomics

<http://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-macroeconomics>

<http://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-microeconomics>

Grade: 12 Length: One Semester

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: *AP Macroeconomics* course is designed to give you a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. It places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price determination, and also develops your familiarity with economic performance measures, economic growth, and international economics.

AP Microeconomics course gives students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the economic system. It places primary emphasis on the nature and functions of product markets and includes the study of factor markets and of the role of government in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy.

Advanced Placement Psychology

<http://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-psychology>

Grade: 10-12 Length: One Year

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: *AP Psychology* has the purpose of introducing the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Included is a consideration of the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. Students also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice.

International Baccalaureate Global Politics

Grade: 11-12 Length: One Year

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: IB Global Politics is a politics course that explores fundamental political concepts such as power, liberty and equality, in a range of contexts and at a variety of levels. It allows students to develop an understanding of the local, national, international and global dimensions of political activity, as well as allowing them the opportunity to explore political issues affecting their own lives.

International Baccalaureate Psychology

Grade: 11-12 Length: Two Years

Recommended Prerequisites: None

Goal: At the core of the DP psychology course is an introduction to three different approaches (biological, cognitive and sociocultural) to understanding behavior. The knowledge, concepts, theories and research that have developed the understanding in these fields will be studied and critically evaluated to answer some of the questions being asked by psychologists today. Furthermore, the interaction of these approaches to studying psychology will form the basis of a holistic and integrated approach to understanding mental processes and behaviour as a complex, dynamic phenomenon, allowing students to appreciate the diversity as well as the commonality between their own behaviour and that of others.