

AP European History FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

If you are a current 9th grader and interested in taking AP European History in the 2021-2022 school year continue reading for more information.

- 1. What is AP European History?** AP European History is an advanced placement course where you can potentially earn college credit by passing the AP Euro exam that will be administered in May 2022. The course is designed to be the equivalent of an introductory collegiate course on Western Civilization.
- 2. Will I earn an extra GPA bump on my transcript?** Yes, if you earn a letter grade of “C” or higher.
- 3. What is the amount of reading expected in this course?** Please keep in mind this is a college level course and the reading and writing expectations must meet those requirements in order to prepare you for the CollegeBoard exam and to maximize your opportunity to earn college credits. On average, you should expect to read a chapter per week from the college-level textbook.
- 4. What is covered in the course content?** This course covers the cultural, economic, political, and social developments that have shaped Europe from 1450 to the present. You’ll analyze texts, visual sources, and other historical evidence and write essays with a focus on developing historical thinking skills and writing historical arguments. The course includes the following nine units of study:
 - Renaissance and Exploration
 - Age of Reformation
 - Absolutism and Constitutionalism
 - Scientific, Philosophical, and Political Developments
 - Conflict, Crisis, and Reaction in the Late 18th Century
 - Industrialization and Its Effects
 - 19th-Century Perspectives and Political Developments
 - 20th-Century Global Conflicts
 - Cold War and Contemporary Europe
- 5. What skills will I learn?** You will learn how to evaluate primary and secondary sources; analyze the claims, evidence, and reasoning you find in sources; put historical developments in context and make connections between them. You will also be trained on how to write a document based question (DBQ) essay and long extended essay (LEQ) from a historical perspective. This is a different writing style than what is used in English and literature courses.
- 6. What is the difference between AP European History and AP World History?** The major difference between the two classes can be found in what they emphasize as a course of study. AP European History will be looking at the world through a European perspective while AP World History will have a wider range of perspectives and some different course themes.
- 7. Is this a hard class?** The difficulty of the course material is subjective and you won't get the same answer from everyone. However, if AP Euro is your first AP history course (or your first AP course *ever*), you might find the experience to be especially difficult. Even if you're a seasoned AP history student, you might encounter a learning curve as this course will explore familiar material from a different perspective as well as new material altogether.
- 8. Is this course for me?** You have to consider your other classes and extra-curricular activities to decide if this course is the right choice to fit your schedule. Ask yourself if you can be dedicated to the reading and homework that will be required weekly and over breaks.

The following are recommendations to enroll in the course:

 - A 3.5 or higher overall GPA
 - You earned a B or higher in English
 - You have strong reading & writing skills
 - You have a strong interest in learning about history and cultures
- 9. I am interested in taking AP Euro next year. What should I do?** You must go to the flipped classroom account for AP Euro 2021 and record yourself in a short video responding to the question/quote. Follow the directions on the Flipgrid page. <https://flipgrid.com/apeuro2021>
- 10. What if I do not meet the recommendations that are listed in #8?** Fill out the Google Form [linked here](#), and one of the course instructors will get back to you.
- 11. Will my counselor place me into the class without a course instructor's verification?** No.

12. **How will I know if I am registered for the class?** You will receive an email from one of the course instructors via School Loop as proof of your registration in the class.

Important Note: You can only do one Flipgrid, either for AP Euro or AP World. Pick the class you really want to be in and complete the flip grid video for that class. **Your Flipgrid video is due by February 10, 2021**

13. **I have more questions, what should I do?** You can read more about the course in detail on AP CollegeBoard website: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/ap-european-history-course-and-exam-description.pdf> or you can fill out the Google Form [linked here](#), and one of the course instructors will get back to you.

******Failure to complete the Flipgrid by deadline will result in you being placed on a waitlist for the class***