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Course Profile: Human Geography AP

<u>Department</u>	Social Studies	
<u>Course Name</u>	Advanced Placement Human Geography	
<u>Course Length</u>	Full year	
<u>High School Credits</u>	One 9th Grade Social Studies Credit	
<u>Description</u>	<p>The course is designed according to the course outline found in the AP Human Geography Course Description published by the College Board and meets NYS Social Studies Framework and Standards of 9th grade Social Studies.</p> <p>Students will learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and field of study. Students will be introduced to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and the alteration of the Earth's surface. Students will employ spatial concepts, landscape analysis, and tools such as GIS to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. This course will introduce students to the historical, sociological, economical, and political forces that have shaped society. National and international policies and relationships and their connections to current news and events will be covered. Part of the aim of this course is to provide the student with a learning experience equal to a college-level introductory human geography course.</p>	
<u>Target/eligible students</u>	9th grade students	
<u>State Learning Standards Link(s)</u>	<p>http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/framework-9-12-with-2017-updates.pdf</p> <p>https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/ap-human-geography-course-and-exam-description.pdf</p> <p>Five specific content areas for standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of the United States and New York 2. World History 3. Geography 4. Economics 5. Civics, Citizenship and Government <p>Themes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Individual Development and Cultural Identity (ID) 2 Development, Movement, and Interaction of Cultures (MOV) 3 Time, Continuity, and Change (TCC) 4 Geography, Humans, and the Environment (GEO) 5 Development and Transformation of Social Structures (SOC) 6 Power, Authority, and Governance (GOV) 	

	7 Civic Ideals and Practices (CIV) 8 Creation, Expansion, and Interaction of Economic Systems (ECO) 9 Science, Technology, and Innovation (TECH) 10 Global Connections and Exchange (EXCH)	
Primary texts and materials	A wide variety of print, video, and online resources. Palmer, David. <i>AP Human Geography</i> . Perfection Learning, 2022. Rubenstein, James. <i>The Cultural Landscape</i> . Pearson, 2020.	
Scope/Sequence	*Standards/ Themes	Key Ideas, Term, and Concepts
Unit 1 Thinking Geographically	(Standards: 1, 2, 3,4 Themes: ID, MOV, GEO, EXCH) Patterns and Spatial Organization -Why do geographers study relationships and patterns among and between places? Impacts and Interactions -How do geographers use maps to help them discover patterns and relationships in the world? Spatial Processes and Societal Change - How do geographers use a spatial perspective to analyze complex issues and relationships?	1.1 Introduction to Maps 1.2 Geographic Data 1.3 The Power of Geographic Data 1.4 Spatial Concepts 1.5 Human–Environmental Interaction 1.6 Scales of Analysis 1.7 Regional Analysis
Unit 2. Population and Migration Patterns and Processes	(Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Themes: MOV, TCC, GEO, GOV, ECO,) Patterns and Spatial Organization -How does where and how people live impact global cultural, political, and economic patterns? Impacts and Interactions -How does the interplay of environmental, economic, cultural, and political factors influence changes in population? Spatial Patterns and Societal Change -How do changes in population affect a place's economy, culture, and politics?	2.1 Population Distribution 2.2 Consequences of Population Distribution 2.3 Population Composition 2.4 Population Dynamics 2.5 The Demographic Transition Model 2.6 Malthusian Theory 2.7 Population Policies 2.8 Women and Demographic Change 2.9 Aging Populations 2.10 Causes of Migration 2.11 Forced and Voluntary Migration 2.12 Effects of Migration
Unit 3. Cultural Patterns and	(Standards: 1, 2, 3, 5; Themes: MOV, ID, TCC, GEO, EXCH)	3.1 Introduction to Culture 3.2 Cultural Landscapes

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<p>Processes</p>	<p>Patterns and Spatial Organization -How does where people live and what resources they have access to impact their cultural practices?</p> <p>Impacts and Interactions -How does the interaction of people contribute to the spread of cultural practices?</p> <p>Spatial Patterns and Societal Change -How and why do cultural ideas, practices, and innovations change or disappear over time?</p>	<p>3.3 Cultural Patterns 3.4 Types of Diffusion 3.5 Historical Causes of Diffusion 3.6 Contemporary Causes of Diffusion 3.7 Diffusion of Religion and Language 3.8 Effects of Diffusion</p>	
<p>Unit 4. Political Patterns and Processes</p>	<p>(Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Themes: ID, TCC, GEO, SOC, GOV, CIV)</p> <p>Patterns and Spatial Organization -How do historical and current events influence political structures around the world?</p> <p>Impacts and Interactions -How are balances of power reflected in political boundaries and government power structures?</p> <p>Spatial Patterns and Societal Change- How can political, economic, cultural, or technological changes challenge state sovereignty?</p>	<p>4.1 Introduction to Political Geography 4.2 Political Processes 4.3 Political Power and Territoriality 4.4 Defining Political Boundaries 4.5 The Function of Political Boundaries 4.6 Internal Boundaries 4.7 Forms of Governance 4.8 Defining Devolutionary Factors 4.9 Challenges to Sovereignty 4.10 Consequences of Centrifugal and Centripetal Forces</p>	<p>p. 69</p>
<p>Unit 5. Agriculture and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Processes</p>	<p>(Standards: 1, 2,3,4 Themes: ID, MOV, TCC, GEO, ECO, EXCH)</p> <p>Patterns and Spatial Organization -How do a people’s culture and the resources available to them influence how they grow food?</p> <p>Impacts and Interactions -How does what people produce and consume vary in different locations?</p> <p>Spatial Patterns and Societal Change -What kind of cultural changes and technological advances have impacted the way people grow and consume food?</p>	<p>5.1 Introduction to Agriculture 5.2 Settlement Patterns and Survey Methods 5.3 Agricultural Origins and Diffusions 5.4 The Second Agricultural Revolution 5.5 The Green Revolution 5.6 Agricultural Production Regions 5.7 Spatial Organization of Agriculture 5.8 Von Thünen Model 5.9 The Global System of Agriculture 5.10 Consequences of Agricultural Practices 5.11 Challenges of Contemporary Agriculture 5.12 Women in Agriculture</p>	<p>p.85</p>

<p>Unit 6. Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes</p>	<p>(Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Themes: TCC, GEO, SOC, GOV, ECO, TECH)</p> <p>Patterns and Spatial Organization -How do physical geography and resources impact the presence and growth of cities?</p> <p>Impacts and Interactions -How are the attitudes, values, and balance of power of a population reflected in the built landscape?</p> <p>Spatial Patterns and Societal Change -How are urban areas affected by unique economic, political, cultural, and environmental challenges?</p>	<p>6.1 The Origin and Influences of Urbanization 6.2 Cities Across the World 6.3 Cities and Globalization 6.4 The Size and Distribution of Cities 6.5 The Internal Structure of Cities 6.6 Density and Land Use 6.7 Infrastructure 6.8 Urban Sustainability 6.9 Urban Data 6.10 Challenges of Urban Changes</p>	<p>p.103</p>
<p>Unit 7. Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes</p>	<p>(Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4: Themes: MOV, TCC, GEO, SOC, GOV, ECO, TECH, EXCH)</p> <p>Patterns and Spatial Organization -Why does economic and social development happen at different times and rates in different places?</p> <p>Impacts and Interactions -How might environmental problems stemming from industrialization be remedied through sustainable development strategies?</p> <p>Spatial Patterns and Societal Change -Why has industrialization helped improve standards of living while also contributing to geographically uneven development?</p>	<p>7.1 The Industrial Revolution 7.2 Economic Sectors and Patterns 7.3 Measures of Development 7.4 Women and Economic Development 7.5 Theories of Development 7.6 Trade and the World Economy 7.7 Changes as a Result of the World Economy 7.8 Sustainable Development</p>	<p>p.119</p>