

Hahnville High School

Advance Placement Program

Human Geography



Recommendations for course

- Prior knowledge of geography and world history.
- Participation is required in order to do well in the course.
- A good work ethic, strong reading skills, time management skills and organization.
- Strong critical analysis and writing skills.
- Have an open mind in order to be objective in analyzing historical events.

About the class....

The AP Human Geography course is equivalent to an introductory college-level course in human geography. The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. The curriculum reflects the goals of the National Geography Standards (2012). Students should be able to read college-level texts and apply the conventions of Standard Written English in their writing.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Interpret maps and analyze geospatial data
- Understand and explain the implications of associations and networks among phenomena in places
- Recognize and interpret the relationships among patterns and processes at different scales of analysis
- Define regions and evaluate the regionalization process
- Characterize and analyze changing interconnections among places

Homework/Classwork

Readings: Students will be expected to read assigned passages from the required reading list prior to class meetings as well as outside materials as is necessary. Students should also be prepared to read on a regular basis.

Assignments: All assignments and exams will be due on their assigned dates. In most cases, late work will not be accepted unless due to an excused absence. Sloppy, cluttered, or inappropriately formatted assignments will not be accepted. Students are expected to complete all assignments and examinations on time and in blue or black pen. Although students are expected to see the instructor about missed or late work, a "study buddy" is encouraged. Being absent the day before an assignment or exam does not excuse a student from taking that exam except in unusual circumstances. If a student is absent the day an assignment is due or completed in class, a 0 grade will be put in the grade book until the assignment is handed in or made up.