**Advanced Placement Human Geography Syllabus**

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**Course Description:**

AP Human Geography is a college level course designed to introduce 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 analyze human social organization and its environmental consequences. Students also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice.

**Course Objectives:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

 1.  use and think about maps and spatial data;

 2.  understand and interpret the implications of associations among phenomena in places;

 3.  recognize and interpret at different scales the relationships among patterns and processes;

 4.  define regions and evaluate the regionalization process;

 5.  characterize and analyze changing interconnections among places.

**Textbook:**

The basic textbook is *Human Geography:  People, Place, and Culture* (Wiley, 11th Edition) by Fouberg, de Blij, and Murphy.  The regular text will be supplemented with articles from professional journals, periodicals, newspapers, and online activities.

**Grading Procedures**:

 70% Major

 20% Daily Grades

 10% Homework Assignments and Vocabulary Checks

**Exams Re-Takes**: A student that makes below a 70 on an exam may retake the exam for a grade up to a 70.

**Homework Assignments and Vocab Checks**: Grades in this category will be replaced by the Unit Exam grade if the exam grade is higher than the homework grade or Vocab Quiz.

**Make Up Work**:  The student is in charge of obtaining make up work.  The student needs to complete the make up work in a timely manner.

**Late Work**: Late is not accepted unless there is a ‘1’ in the grade book.

If you see a ‘1’ in the gradebook it means you have a missing assignment and you need to turn it in or make it up for full credit..

\*\*\*THERE IS NO EXTRA CREDIT IN AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY\*\*\*

**Required Materials:**

* Writing utensils (pens and pencils ok, black ink preferred)
* Loose leaf paper
* Folder/Binder for organization
* Fully charged iPad

**Class Rules**

* Respect Others
* Don't inhibit teacher's ability teach or others' ability to learn.
* Electronic equipment use with permission only
* Food or drink allowed with permission only

**Expectations:**

* Please create a good organizational system for your AP Human Geography documents.  Keep all of your Learning Targets, reading guides, handouts, and notes in chronological order.  This will be very important as you review for each test and when we begin to prepare for the AP exam in May.
* Keep up with the reading and homework powerpoints.  Meaningful classroom discussion can only take place when you come to class prepared.
* Keep up with current events.  Human Geography is a “real world” topic, and your success on the AP exam will depend on your ability to apply the concepts we discuss in class to actual situations.
* Geography has a rather specialized vocabulary, and a significant part of effective preparation for the Advanced Placement exam is understanding and using these terms correctly.  Keep this in mind when you are marking your notes for later reference.

**Responsibilities of AP Students (from the AP College Board)**

1.  A willingness to actively engage with sophisticated concepts.

2.  A willingness to be judged by rigorous, college-level standards.

3.  A willingness to complete longer and more complex nightly assignments

4.  A willingness to complete the AP Examination in May

**Tutoring Schedules**:

All APHG teachers use the same materials for instruction.  No matter which APHG teacher you have, any APHG teacher can help you with tutoring.

Monday 8:00-8:30: Grigg 202

Tuesday 8:00-8:30: Fullmer 203

 4:15-4:45: Gaslow 204

Wednesday 8:00-8:30: Grigg 202

        4:15-4:45: Gonzalez 201

Thursday 8:00-8:30: Fullmer 203

Friday 8:00-8:30: Grigg 202

\*All available by appointment.

**Units of Study**

Unit 1: Introduction to Geography

Unit 2: Population and Migration

Unit 3: Culture

Unit 4: Language and Religion

Unit 5: Political Geography

Unit 6: Agriculture

Unit 7: Urban Geography

Unit 8: Economics and Levels of Development

Unit 9: AP Exam Review