

AP Human Geography

Instructor: Tamara Young & Art Dominguez Office Hours: Tuesday's 2:30-3:30
Tutorials: Wednesday B and Friday A

The purpose of AP Human Geography course is 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 landscapes analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice.

Units of Study:

I. Geography – It's Nature and Perspectives	V. Industrialization and Development
II. Population	VI. Cities and Urban Land Use
III. Political Organization of Space	VII. Cultural Patterns and Processes
IV. Agriculture and Development	

Grading Policies

Quarter Grades	Final Grades	Grading Scale
Major Grades – 50%	Quarter 1 or 3 – 40%	A: 93-100
Minor Grades – 40%	Quarter 2 or 4 – 40%	B: 85-92
Map Quizzes – 10%	Teacher Made Exam – 20%	C: 84-77
	(Seniors May Exempt)	D: 76-70

Parent Portal Policy – All grades for the unit will be updated no later than the day of each unit test. If there are questions or concerns over a grade, please contact Ms. Young. All students are encouraged to keep up with the progress in the class using parent portal.

Course Text:

Rubenstein, James M., An Introduction to Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape.

Kuby, Michael, Human Geography In Action

Crash Course in AP Human Geography by Dr. Christian Sawyer (Optional)

Due to budget constraints physical textbooks will not be assigned but students will be given a CD with copies of each book. A limited number of hard copies will be available for checkout.

AP Exam:

The AP Human Geography Exam is approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes in length and includes both a 60 minutes multiple choice section and 75 minute free response section. Each section accounts for half of the student's AP Exam score. The composite score is then converted to a score on AP's 5 point scale. It is an OPTIONAL test. The cost is \$89 per exam but will be covered this year by the State of NC. This year's test will be given on the morning of Friday, May 15th.

My expectations of You:

H: Have respect for self, others, & property. (Respect for everyone & belongings.)

A: Arrive on time. (Arrive to class before the bell.)

W: Work responsibly to succeed. (Having all materials, everyday.)

K: Keep a positive attitude. (Do Your best on all assignments.)

S: Safety first. (Keep Yourself and all other safe by following all safety procedures.)

****All students must comply with HSHS and WCPSS rules and regulations.****

Tardy Policy (each class period counts as a separate tardy):

1st-3rd – Tardy Pass will serve as written warning.

4th – Tardy pass will serve as verbal warning.

5th – BCR/Lunch Detention – 5 day lunch pass suspension – parent contact

6th – CLC – 10 day lunch pass suspension – parent contact

7th – Saturday School – Lunch pass suspended for rest of quarter

BE ON TIME AND PREPARED TO LEARN!

Make-Up work policy: You are responsible for ••••

Checking the side board for assignments that were completed, Ask me if You have any questions about missed assignments and/or due dates.

Ask in advance for work if You know You are going to be absent.

You have TWO days to complete assignments for everyday that You were absent.

Don't forget, late work is NOT make-up work!!!!

[1 day – 92; 2 days – 84; 3 days – 76; 4 days – 68; 5+ - 60]

Integrity Pledge:

Cheating is defined as receiving or giving unauthorized assistance on academic work that may be used as a graded assessment for a particular course/subject. Plagiarizing is defined as copying the language, structure, or ideas of another and representing it as one's own work including altering, restating, or paraphrasing another person's words, ideas, or work without giving credit or acknowledging Your sources. This would include, but not be limited to text, music and video clips, photos, graphics, and artwork. Students must cite information used from the Internet, CD-Rom, books, magazines, newspaper etc.

Students who engage in or attempt to engage in acts of cheating or plagiarizing will be referred to an administrator and parent called. Starting the 2008-2009 school Year, any student caught cheating on any assignment will be able to re-do an alternate assignment, with the highest possible grade being a 69.