

A.P. United States History



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Course Overview:

AP U.S. History is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university U.S. history course. In AP U.S. History students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical comparisons; and utilizing reasoning about contextualization, causation, and continuity and change over time. The course also provides seven themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: American and national identity; migration and settlement; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; geography and the environment; and culture and society. (College Board)

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Cost

Students are required to pay the \$95 AP Exam fee. Students also are required to purchase novels to be used in class: *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee*, and *The Grapes of Wrath*

Difference between the standard level course and the AP course

There is typically more homework on average per week. Most of the homework involves reading of the text, articles, and novels. The textbook is a college level text and students are expected to keep up with a relatively fast paced reading schedule.

Example of a week's assignments or syllabus

Read and outline chapter and take a reading quiz over chapter. Complete outside activity or document analysis. In-class thesis/essay practice. In-class lecture and discussion. Chapter test.

Pre-Requisite Courses Required

There are no required pre-requisite courses; however, students enrolled in AP English Language at the same time as AP US History are far more successful in AP US History. It is also strongly encouraged that students have taken AP World History before AP US History.

Credit

Students will earn 1.0 credits for U.S. History (a graduation requirement). If a University accepts the student's score on the national exam, the student can earn up to six credit hours.