

US History and AP US History

Course Overview:

American History begins with a quick overview of the pre-Industrial Age and proceeds to uncover American History within a world perspective through the current period. Emphasis will be placed on the interrelationship of the North American continent to the rest of the world and vice versa. Students will come away with a firm understanding that America is not a singular isolated nation but one with historical, political, economic, and philosophical links to the rest of the world. This course is a requirement for graduation and will prepare students for the Ohio State Test given at the end of the year. This course meets NCAA eligibility requirements. A fee may be required.

AP US History -This course will cover all of the material included in course 243 American History, but has been designed to present the material in a format encouraged by the College Board. The AP program in United States History is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. Students should learn to assess historical materials – their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability, and their importance – and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. The AP United States History course will develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgment and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in essay format. Students will be expected to complete frequent writing samples of historical research or interpretation. Summer reading will be distributed to each student enrolled in the course and it is expected that students will read the selections before the school year begins. In May, students will have the opportunity to take the AP exam to qualify for college credit. This course meets NCAA eligibility requirements. A weighted grading scale will be applied. Participation in the AP exam is a requirement of the course and an exam cost of approximately \$90.00 is the responsibility of each enrolled student. Free and reduced lunch students may apply for fee waivers for the AP exam. See your counselor for more information.

Textbook:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) American History for American History

Experience History: Interpreting America's Past (APUSH textbook)

Assessments:

Teacher Created Assessments

OST History Assessment

AP History Assessment

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