

AP United States History

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Questions?:

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What is APUSH?

AP United States History is a college level course that covers United States History from 1491-present day. The course framework and exam were created by the CollegeBoard.

What should I expect in this class?

You should expect to:

- Be engaged and challenged for the entirety of the class period
- Think critically and analyze diverse perspectives about United States History
- Develop a great deal of knowledge and academic skills
- WRITE A LOT!!!!

Am I prepared to take APUSH?

Did you earn an “A” or “B” in AP European History or Honors World History?

These students are generally well prepared.

Are you coming from College Preparatory World History? Did you earn a “C” in your previous course?

It would be a good idea to check with your history teacher or counselor to discuss if you are ready to take APUSH.

How much homework should I expect?

There will be a homework assignment every night, including weekends. It should take you between 20 minutes - 1 hour depending on how fast you read and how often you check your phone.

Should I take APUSH Seminar?

YES!!! Due to the pace of the trimester system, the amount of content we are expected to cover, and skills we must develop, we will do a great deal of content review and practice exams in Seminar every day to fully prepare you for the AP Exam. If you do not take Seminar, you will finish the course in March and then study on your own for the exam in May. That’s 3 months without directed review!

Common misconceptions about APUSH:

Taking APUSH is an easy way to raise my GPA.

This is not an easy “A” class. Many students want the benefit from earning an A and a 5.0. While students earn “A’s,” this is not true of the majority of students.

This class will be easy because I am good at memorizing dates and facts.

Mastering content is only the foundation for doing well in this class. You must be able to apply the content using a variety of skills to be successful. You will NEVER be asked strictly content questions on the exams.

I heard Pang and Boehrer are funny, entertaining, and make a difficult class manageable.

We do our best! But, if you aren’t ready to work hard everyday, you’re in for a difficult year!