



AP® Human Geography

Your Course at a Glance

Plan

The Course at a Glance table provides a useful visual organization of the AP Human Geography curricular components, including:

- Sequence of units, along with approximate weighting and suggested pacing. Please note that pacing is based on 45-minute class periods meeting five days each week for a full academic year.
- Progression of topics within each unit.
- Spiraling of the big ideas and course skills across units.

Teach

SKILL CATEGORIES

Skill categories spiral throughout the course.

- 1

Concepts and Processes
- 2

Spatial Relationships
- 3

Data Analysis
- 4

Source Analysis
- 5

Scale Analysis

BIG IDEAS

Big Ideas spiral across topics and units.

- PSO

Patterns and Spatial Organization
- SPS

Spatial Processes and Societal Change
- IMP

Impacts and Interactions

Assess

Assign the Personal Progress Checks—either as homework or in class—for each unit. Each Personal Progress Check contains formative multiple-choice and free-response questions. The feedback from the Personal Progress Checks shows students the areas where they need to focus.

UNIT 1

Thinking Geographically

~9–10

Class Periods

8–10%

AP Exam Weighting

- IMP

3

1.1

Introduction to Maps
- IMP

3

1.2

Geographic Data
- IMP

3

1.3

The Power of Geographic Data
- PSO

3

1.4

Spatial Concepts
- PSO

1

1.5

Human–Environmental Interaction
- PSO

5

1.6

Scales of Analysis
- SPS

1

1.7

Regional Analysis

Personal Progress Check 1

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- 1 stimulus

UNIT 2

Population and Migration Patterns and Processes

~19–20

Class Periods

12–17%

AP Exam Weighting

- PSO

3

2.1

Population Distribution
- PSO

2

2.2

Consequences of Population Distribution
- PSO

2

2.3

Population Composition
- IMP

3

2.4

Population Dynamics
- IMP

3

2.5

The Demographic Transition Model
- IMP

2

2.6

Malthusian Theory
- SPS

2

2.7

Population Policies
- SPS

3

2.8

Women and Demographic Change
- SPS

2

2.9

Aging Populations
- IMP

2

2.10

Causes of Migration
- IMP

1

2.11

Forced and Voluntary Migration
- IMP

2

2.12

Effects of Migration

Personal Progress Check 2

Multiple-choice: ~35 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- 1 stimulus

UNIT 3

Cultural Patterns and Processes

~19–20

Class Periods

12–17%

AP Exam Weighting

- PSO

4

3.1

Introduction to Culture
- PSO

4

3.2

Cultural Landscapes
- PSO

4

3.3

Cultural Patterns
- IMP

1

3.4

Types of Diffusion
- SPS

2

3.5

Historical Causes of Diffusion
- SPS

5

3.6

Contemporary Causes of Diffusion
- IMP

4

3.7

Diffusion of Religion and Language
- SPS

2

3.8

Effects of Diffusion

Personal Progress Check 3

Multiple-choice: ~25 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- 2 stimuli

UNIT 4

Political Patterns and Processes

~19–20

Class Periods

12–17%

AP Exam Weighting

- PSO

4

4.1

Introduction to Political Geography
- PSO

3

4.2

Political Processes
- PSO

5

4.3

Political Power and Territoriality
- IMP

1

4.4

Defining Political Boundaries
- IMP

5

4.5

The Function of Political Boundaries
- IMP

5

4.6

Internal Boundaries
- IMP

2

4.7

Forms of Governance
- SPS

3

4.8

Defining Devolutionary Factors
- SPS

5

4.9

Challenges to Sovereignty
- SPS

5

4.10

Consequences of Centrifugal and Centripetal Forces

Personal Progress Check 4

Multiple-choice: ~30 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- 1 stimulus

UNIT 5

Agriculture and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Processes

~19–20

Class Periods

12–17%

AP Exam Weighting

- PSO

2

5.1

Introduction to Agriculture
- PSO

4

5.2

Settlement Patterns and Survey Methods
- SPS

2

5.3

Agricultural Origins and Diffusions
- SPS

4

5.4

The Second Agricultural Revolution
- SPS

2

5.5

The Green Revolution
- PSO

2

5.6

Agricultural Production Regions
- PSO

2

5.7

Spatial Organization of Agriculture
- PSO

6

5.8

Von Thünen Model
- PSO

5

5.9

The Global System of Agriculture
- IMP

2

5.10

Consequences of Agricultural Practices
- IMP

4

5.11

Challenges of Contemporary Agriculture
- IMP

3

5.12

Women in Agriculture

Personal Progress Check 5

Multiple-choice: ~35 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- 2 stimuli

UNIT 6

Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes

~19–20

Class Periods

12–17%

AP Exam Weighting

- PSO

2

6.1

The Origin and Influences of Urbanization
- PSO

2

6.2

Cities Across the World
- PSO

5

6.3

Cities and Globalization
- PSO

2

6.4

The Size and Distribution of Cities
- PSO

1

6.5

The Internal Structure of Cities
- IMP

3

6.6

Density and Land Use
- IMP

3

6.7

Infrastructure
- IMP

2

6.8

Urban Sustainability
- IMP

3

6.9

Urban Data
- SPS

4

6.10

Challenges of Urban Changes
- SPS

2

6.11

Challenges of Urban Sustainability

Personal Progress Check 6

Multiple-choice: ~35 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- no stimulus

UNIT 7

Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes

~19–20

Class Periods

12–17%

AP Exam Weighting

- SPS

4

7.1

The Industrial Revolution
- SPS

2

7.2

Economic Sectors and Patterns
- SPS

3

7.3

Measures of Development
- SPS

3

7.4

Women and Economic Development
- SPS

1

7.5

Theories of Development
- PSO

5

7.6

Trade and the World Economy
- PSO

4

7.7

Changes as a Result of the World Economy
- IMP

5

7.8

Sustainable Development

Personal Progress Check 7

Multiple-choice: ~25 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- no stimulus