

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The AP European History course is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in European History. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by introductory college courses. Students will learn to evaluate historical materials for their relevance to a given historical problem, reliability, and importance, and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented by trends in historical scholarship. AP European History students will develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgement and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in both short answer and essay format.

Extra time outside of class is required on the part of AP students for class preparation, outside reading, and completion of assignments. AP courses provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that obtained in most college introductory courses. Students who take AP European History are expected to take the Advanced Placement Exam in the spring.

The AP European History course is divided into four main units of study over the year. Each unit is divided in teaching modules to facilitate student learning and to emphasize key themes of the course.

The five key themes of the course are:

1. Interaction of Europe and the World
2. Poverty and Prosperity
3. Objective Knowledge and Subjective Visions
4. States and Other Institutions of Power
5. Individual and Society

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