

AP Human Geography

Overview

This program is designed to introduce students to key concepts surrounding human geography. Emphasis is placed on understanding past and present trends in population dynamics, political geography, geopolitics, economic development, cultural considerations, agriculture, and urbanisation. Throughout the course, geographic models are presented to explain trends and to predict future change. For students interested in world geography and current events, this course is a natural as it combines theory with present case studies. Students will work with a mentor to analyse case studies and develop the data analysis skills required in the presentation of complex ideas and arguments.

Objectives

- Evaluate geography as a field of inquiry
- Assess the evolution of key geographical concepts and models associated with notable geographers
- Identify key concepts underlying the geographical perspectives
- Demonstrate key geographical skills

Structure

- Reflect on current knowledge of the range of topics that Geography covers and identify strengths and weaknesses
 - Develop a personalised curriculum
- Gain knowledge of the nature and perspectives of geography
- Understand the population as it relates to geographical studies
- Gain an understanding of cultural patterns and processes
 - Analyse concepts of culture
 - Compare cultural differences
- Gain an understanding of the political organisation of space
- Case study analysis
 - Consider how these influence decisions and interactions from a local to international scale
 - Critical thinking and problem-solving practice
 - Investigating the similarities and differences between places
- Develop data analysis skills
 - Question reliability and validity of data
 - Improve evaluative thinking
- Assist in report writing
 - Helping with data manipulation and presentation
 - Develop writing and oral presentation skills so as to benefit the students' communication of complex ideas
- Exam practice
 - Past papers
 - Planning and structuring responses

