



## AP WORLD HISTORY

SOC301 — 1.0 Credit

### Course Description

AP World History covers the history of the world from 600 C.E. to the present with an introduction unit on the period before (covering around 8000 B.C.E to 600 C.E.). The course emphasizes “patterns of change” and the connections between the various world cultures throughout the time period being studied. Students will gain an understanding of the global experiences of humanity and be able to apply that knowledge to their growth and development as “world citizens.” The class has two major goals: 1) to prepare students to be successful on the AP World History exam and 2) to provide students with an understanding on why the world developed the way it did.

### Prerequisites

None

### Course Length

Two semesters

### Required Text

*World Civilization: The Global Experience (AP Edition)* — Stearns and others Longman/Pearson, 3rd/2003  
ISBN: 0321099699

### Recommended Text

*The Origins of the Modern World* — Robert Marks Rowman & Littlefield, 1st/2003 ISBN: 0742517543;  
*Hammond Historical World Atlas* — Hammond, ISBN: 0843713909; *Rand McNally Historical Atlas of the World* — Rand McNally, ISBN: 0528839691

### Course Outline

#### Semester 1

- Foundations (c. 8000 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.)
- World History 600 C.E. to 1450 C.E. — Two Worlds (Eurasia & Americas)
- World History 1450 C.E. to 1750 C.E. — World in Collision & Change

#### Semester 2

- World History 1750 C.E. to 1914 C.E. — One World Triumphs
- World History 1914 C.E. to the Present — Globalization: A Work in Progress  
(Creation of the Global Village)
- The U.S. at War
- The Cold War
- Turbulent Decades
- Toward a New Century