

Canyon Crest Academy: Advanced Placement European History

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very Difficult	90-120 minutes	<p>District 11th-12th Grades only. The ability and academic background to complete college-level work.</p> <p>Department Department Recommendations: The department strongly recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careful attention paid to the rest of the student’s academic load. This course has a considerable amount of work associated with it. Students with extensive extracurricular commitments and with several academic classes in one term generally report being stressed. • Only advanced 11th or 12th grade students should enroll in this course. • English 10 Honors or AP English Language (11th grade) with a grade of “B” or better • Reading and writing abilities which exceeds grade level (11th grade reading level recommended) • A strong passion for social sciences • The ability to grasp complex and abstract ideas and theories • A strong, independent work-ethic • The ability to self-advocate and independently seek instructional direction when confused.

Course Description

AP European History engages students in the study of European history from 1450 through the 2000, representative of a first-year university course. It seeks to examine the cultural, social, and political developments of Europe in order to discern an understanding of present-day institutions and “the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current forms of artistic expression and intellectual discourse.”

Students work to understand a brief narrative of the events of European history while at the same time developing an understanding of underlying themes driving those events. Like other AP history courses, an emphasis on primary document analysis, historical inquiry, and analysis of historical interpretation is constantly present. Readings from college-level textbooks and critical, analytical essay writing form key components of the course. The course is partly organized by the thematic study of cultural and intellectual history, political and diplomatic history, as well as social and economic history. As a benefit, students may wish to take the AP European History exam.

Successful completion of this exam can result with students earning college credit, depending on the policies of individual colleges and universities.

At Canyon Crest Academy, we have designed our AP European History curriculum with the unique demands of the 4x4-block curriculum in mind. Our primary objective is two-fold:

1. To instruct students with the full content of the course in an abbreviated period of time
2. To introduce students to various skills that are necessary for passage of the AP exam.

Grading

Teachers employ variations of either the weighted or the cumulative method for determining grades. However, the following scale is used to determine the final grade:

100% to 90% A; 89% to 80% B; 79% to 70% C; 69% to 60% D; 59% and below F

Syllabus Link

Refer to individual teacher websites.

Supplemental Information

10 credits

Fulfills high school graduation requirement for electives

Fulfills UC/CSU subject area "g" requirement

Weighted Grade