



General Information for all History A.P./D.C. Courses:

- A.P. earns a quality point and is great for preparing and getting into college. You must pass the exam in May in order to earn college credit.
- D.C. earns a quality point and is a college course. If you earn a passing grade, you automatically receive the college credit via Saint Petersburg College.

Nature of these courses:

- College-Level Textbooks, regular HW assignments, challenging tests what will require studying
- Faster Pace in terms of covering chapters and testing (You will cover a chapter of a college-level textbook every 2 weeks.)
- Essay writing for AP European History and D.C. US History
- Interesting Lectures and Discussions! You will have to think!

10th Grade: AP European History

- This is a challenging course for sophomores; however, it is the only sophomore-level AP offered.
- This is good course to get students introduced to the nature of AP courses and can help a student develop discipline and skills for their junior year—during which many students take more than one AP/DC course.
- Students must have strong reading comprehension, writing skills, and mature study habits to excel.
- We study cover each “college-level” textbook chapter every two weeks, and so there is a test every two weeks which will require studying independently to be prepared.
- Students will have regular HW assignments which include reading from their textbook and completing some kind of writing activity to go with reading.
- Students will write essays regularly: there is at least one essay on every test, as well as in-class and out-of-class essay assignments periodically. Fifty percent of the AP exam is essay-based, hence the need for regular practice throughout the year.
- The content covers European History from the period of the Renaissance through the Cold War; our discussions in class include things like art, politics, philosophy, economics, social changes, etc.
- There will most likely be a summer assignment; details concerning this will be sent out at the end of the school year.

11th Grade: Dual Credit American History I (Fall) & American History II (Spring)

- Students will experience college-level lectures and seminar discussions in this course.
- Students must write document-based papers and take midterm and final exams each semester.
- Midterm and final exam includes timed-essay portions, as well as objective sections that test their learning and memorization of the key ideas covered in class and in the readings.
- Completion of both semesters results in 6 college credits
- There is no summer assignment.

12th Grade: AP United States Government and Politics (fall semester course)

- Summer Assignment: Students will read the U.S. Constitution and complete a “Constitution Packet” assignment that outlines their reading content. This is due first day of school.
- This course covers about 15 chapters on American government in one semester, so students will have regular HW assignments and have unit tests every few weeks to ensure they are retaining the material enough to pass the AP Exam.
- The AP Exam is in May, so student must be motivated to study on their own second semester to prepare for the AP Exam. Students who commit themselves to reviewing about a month before the exam, usually pass and receive college credit.
- Learn how America’s political system works—its political parties, the functions of Congress, the powers and role of the President, civil rights, how voting systems and elections work. Discover you vote does matter and why, even as a high school senior, you should care deeply about our country’s political system.
- What course will be more relevant for your adult life?

12th Grade: AP Macroeconomics (spring semester course)

- You do not have to take AP Government to take this course, though it helps a little.
- The course is divided into short modules based on economic concepts and principles, graphs, and simple mathematics. Therefore it is not more concept-natured than content-heavy.
- HW most nights but usually only takes a few minutes as it is meant to be a practice for what learned in class.
- We cover 8 units in one semester and then have a week for review before the AP Exam.
- Come learn things like how taxes and government spending impact the economy, how the Federal Reserve affects the money supply and interest rates, what causes inflation, and more.

Elective 11th or 12th Grade: AP Psychology

- Equivalent credit to a college “General Psychology” course, which is required for many college majors.
- This is a good course for students who have not taken an AP class before.
- It will require tests every two weeks based on units from the AP-Level textbook.
- It is vocabulary-heavy, so students will have to commit to studying and memorizing those terms to succeed on tests and the AP exam.
- This is an interesting and transformative course as many topics relate to student’s own personal lives. Biblical integration is included throughout as this course emphasizes understanding the nature of human beings thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.
- You will understand yourself on a deeper level and gain wisdom and insight into human relationships that will help you throughout the rest of your life.