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**539.300 Preparing Students for Advanced Placement®  
Human Geography**

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M-Th 8:30 am -4:00 pm and Fr 8:30 am -1:00 pm

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This course will provide an overview of the AP Human Geography curriculum and help participants design their own course. Participants will review lesson plans, resources, and websites for teaching each of the major course topics, including geography, population, cultural patterns, the political organization of space, rural land use, industrialization, and cities. The course will focus on effective teaching strategies and learning activities to prepare for success on the AP exam. Participants will begin to develop their own course outline, syllabus, and assessment tools.

**College Board Advanced Placement Teacher Standards and Graduate Program in Education (GPE) Outcomes/Standards:**

College Board Advanced Placement Teacher Standards

1. Content Knowledge
2. Teacher Certification
3. Pedagogy and Student Learning
4. Analysis and Reflection
5. Ongoing Professional Development

Graduate Programs in Education Outcomes

1. GPE001: Knowledge - Theory: Apply knowledge of psychological and educational theory, research, and/or philosophy related to the area of specialization or certification.
2. GPE002: Knowledge - Assessments: Demonstrate understanding and use of the types of assessments appropriate to the area of specialization or certification.
3. GPE003: Knowledge - Purpose: Identify the purpose of education in society, and be able to analyze why things happen in the educational community and/or in the political community that surrounds education.
4. GPE004: Knowledge - Diversity: Demonstrate knowledge of concepts related to diversity, and the interaction between concepts related to diversity and the area of specialization or certification.

5. GPE005: Skills - Theory: Demonstrate the ability to incorporate theory and research into practice related to the area of specialization.
6. GPE006: Skills - Data: Demonstrate the ability to gather appropriate data and use data in problem analysis and decision-making related to the area of specialization.
7. GPE007: Skills - Problem Solving: Use problem solving/critical thinking strategies appropriate to the area of specialization.
8. GPE008: Skills - Reflection: Use reflective practice within the area of specialization.
9. GPE009: Skills - Communication: Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills related to the area of specialization.
10. GPE010: Skills - Technology: Use a variety of technologies appropriate for working in the area of specialization.
11. GPE011: Dispositions - Service: Demonstrate service to the community.
12. GPE012: Dispositions - Diversity: Demonstrate positive dispositions toward diversity and equity.
13. GPE013: Dispositions - Professionalism: Demonstrate professionalism in one's demeanor, behavior, conduct, decision-making, and interactions with colleagues.

**Required Texts: AP level textbooks will be provided by publishers. AP Manual will be provided by the College Board.**

**Attendance Policy:** Lateness or absence is not permitted.

**Course Objectives:**

- 1) to examine the format of the AP Human Geography Exam and learn the skills necessary to pass it
- 2) to be able to write and score Essays
- 3) to use various methods of teaching and sources of information in the classroom
- 4) to acquire some of the factual information needed to teach Human Geography

First Day a.m.—Class Logistics and Definitions: What exactly is Human Geography?

- Introductions
- What are your main concerns about the AP? What did you come here to learn?
- Overview of Participant Packets: The AP Program and Human Geography Exam
- What type of students should take the AP? How to decide who gets in.
- Teaching AP Human Geography to a Diverse Population—College Board Policy
- Teaching AP to a Mixed AP/Non-AP Class
- Strategies for Teaching AP to the Learning Disabled or Physically- Challenged Student
- Summer Reading? To assign a novel or not: that is the question.
- Scheduling and Pacing—A look at syllabi
- Using the Human Geography AP Central Website in your course
- Handout of Internet sites

First Day p.m.-- **Map Skills, Population and Migration**

- Using Technology in the classroom
- Map, Chart and Graph Skills
- **Lecture:** Population Information: So Much Vocabulary!!! So Many Abbreviations!!!

- Population Pyramids Activity
- The 2010 Census—Using the Data
- The History of Human Migration
- Immigration Project—Brainstorm questions for Immigration assignment

**Homework: Interview at Least One Person using questions generated above**

**Assignment for Tuesday—bring in a newspaper or news magazine**

**Assignment for Credit(due ten days after the end of class): Students Will Write and Present a Lesson Plan**

Second Day —**Cultural Geography**

- **Migration Discussion:** Map Migration Interview Info and Discuss Push and Pull Factors
- **Practicing the Free Response: Migration Questions**
- Folk vs Pop Culture-- Music, Food, Clothing, styles, etc—everything that makes life worth living for a teenager
- **Sports Projects: Using the FIFA Cup, the Olympics, and other major sports**
- **How to Make Language a Fun Topic: silly videos**
- Religion and Religious Conflict: a good topic for a paper!
- **Discussion: Ethnicity and Race—two topics guaranteed to make people mad**
- **Dying Cultures and How to Keep them Alive-- Films: Living Treasures of Japan, and Australia's Aborigines, WhaleRider, Atanarjuat The Fast Runner**

**Homework: Write an answer to the Free Response Essay Question (to be handed out in class.**

**Guest Speaker (possible): Dr. Catherine Allen, anthropologist from GWU on the Quechua of Peru**

Third Day a.m.—**Political Geography**

- **Lecture:** Nation States and Geography
- **Video and Discussion: How the States Got Their Shapes**
- News Articles and Journal Exercises—teacher handouts
- Begin Your Own File Folder of Articles—Newspaper games
- **Practicing the Free Response: Politics and Culture Questions**
- **Computer Lab Projects--** Assignment of Countries and States for Project Work
- Group Discussion of Findings

Third Day p.m.—**Development and Economic Geography: the Haves & Have- Nots**

- Make Your Students the Experts: States Project on Agriculture and Industries
- Lesser Developed Countries and More Developed Countries (most societies have both parts at once)—Film Clip: The Gods Must Be Crazy
- Apple Demonstration and Popcorn Project: Teaching your kids through Food!

- Views of America-- Films: Supersize Me, Walmart and Affluenza
- **Rostow's Model—Discussion of the use of Models in general**

**Homework: News Article Write-up according to guidelines discussed in class. Charity Research Project—to be presented in class tomorrow**

**Fourth Day a.m.—Agriculture, Industry and Services**

- **Agricultural Models—Concentric Zone exercise**
- Industrial Centers and Problems of Industrialization
- **Break-of-Bulk Exercise**
- Services and Service Patterns

**Fourth Day p.m.-- Field Trip**

- Summing it all up: Mall Project

**Homework: Visit another Mall and, using the worksheet provided, write a comparison of “your” mall to the one we visited today.**

**Fifth Day a.m.-- Cities**

- Urbanization Models
- Problems—Global Warming, Pollution, etc.
- What to do when the AP is over?

**Guest Speaker (possible): NASA Scientist Robert E. Wolfe on Satellite Mapping**

**Final Assignment**—Construct a Unit of Lesson Plans-- one weeks-worth or more, ending with an assessment (test, essay, project, etc.)-- to be used with your class next year, using the ideas/techniques discussed during the week. (Finished Lesson plan and assessment you would use with your students should be e-mailed to Instructor by July 17 at [pkwolfe1435@gmail.com](mailto:pkwolfe1435@gmail.com).)

**Accessing Grades and Transcripts**--Goucher College does not issue grade reports. You can obtain your grade approximately 3 weeks after concluding the course by going to the Goucher website ([mygoucher](http://mygoucher.edu)) and follow the prompts to receive your grade.

If you need a paper copy of grades for tuition reimbursement, you will need to request a transcript in writing. You can fax to Student Administrative Services, or call SAS (410)-337-6504 or mail to SAS at:

Goucher College, SAS  
1021 Dulaney Valley Road  
Baltimore, MD 21204

There is no charge for this request. Please allow 3-5 working days to process.  
To access the transcript request form, please go to <http://www.goucher.edu/x1891.xml>

Questions? Please call 410-337-6200.

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**Bibliography**

**An extensive bibliography for the AP Human Geography teacher is provided by the College Board at the AP Central website at**

**<http://apps.apcentral.collegeboard.com/ResourceSearchResults.jsp>**

David Brooks Bobos in Paradise

Bill Bryson In a Sunburned Country

Cathy Davidson 36 Views of Mount Fuji

Jared Diamond Guns, Germs and Steel and Collapse

Franklin Foer How Soccer Explains the World

Thomas Friedman The World Is Flat and Hot, Flat and Crowded

Maria Poggi Johnson Strangers and Neighbors

David Landes The Wealth and Poverty of Nations

Michael Pollan The Omnivore's Dilemma

Eric Schlosser Fast Food Nation: the Dark Side of the All American Meal

Beppe Severignini Ciao, America!

Tom Standage A History of the World in Six Glasses

Joseph Stieglitz Globalization and Its Discontents

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**Description of Requirements for Graduate Credit**

**Day One Homework: Interview at Least One Person and write up findings**

**Day Two Homework: Write an answer to the Free Response Essay Question (to be handed out in class.**

**Day Three Homework: Write up of an article following Journal Guidelines discussed in class. Charity Research Project—to be presented orally in class the next day.**

**Day Four Homework: Write up findings from Mall Field Trip Worksheets**

**Final Assignment for Credit: Unit Lesson Plan to be Shared with the Class**

Final Assignment—Construct a Unit of Lesson Plans-- one weeks-worth or more, ending with an assessment (test, essay, project, etc.)-- to be used with your class next year, using the ideas/techniques discussed during the week. Finished Lesson plan and assessment you would use with your students should be e-mailed to Instructor at [pkwolfe1435@gmail.com](mailto:pkwolfe1435@gmail.com) by **July 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest.**