



AP US History Virtual Back to School Night 2020

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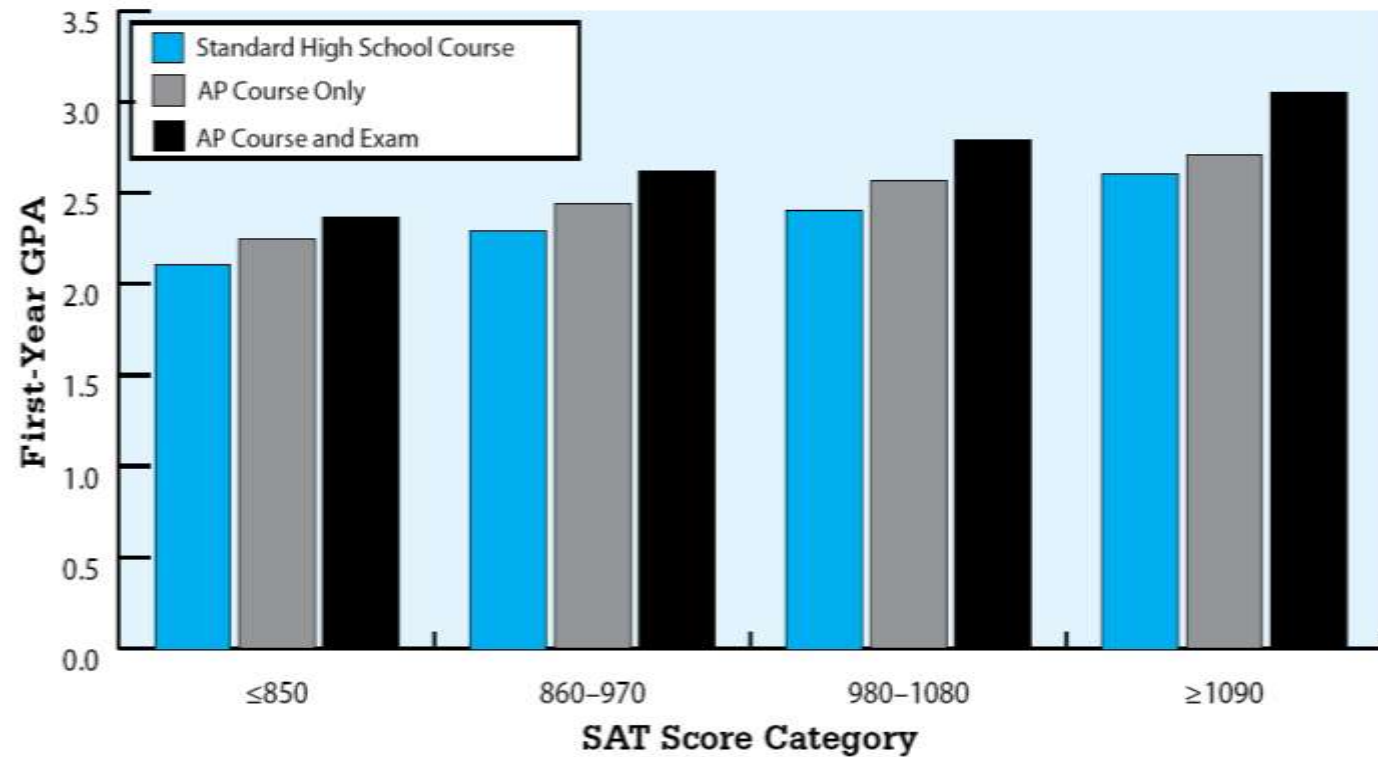
AP US History Course Overview

AP US History is equivalent to a two semester college freshmen course

Benefits:

- Earn college credit
- Get admissions edge
- Become a better student

Figure 4. First-Year College GPA



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Challenges:

- Students are 2 years younger
- AP exam is before finals
- AP is harder than college

AP US History Exam Info

The AP US History Exam costs \$95 and is May 6, 2021 (probably)

Students should sign up with their home school by November 1st

Section and Question Type	Amount	Minutes	Weight
Stimulus Based Multiple Choice	55 questions	55	40%
Short Answer 1. Two Interpretations (Per. 3–8) 2. Image Stimulus (Per. 3–8) 3. Non-stimulus (Per. 1–5) <u>or</u> 4. Non-stimulus (Per. 6–9)	3 questions (of 4)	40	20%
Document Based Question 1 (Per. 3–8)	1 question	60 (suggested)	25%
Long Essay Question 2. LEQ (Per. 1–3) <u>or</u> 3. LEQ (Per. 4–6) <u>or</u> 4. LEQ (Per. 7–9)	1 question (of 3)	40 (suggested)	15%

Calendar and Pacing

Unit	Month / Weeks	Date Range	Topic Range	Exam Weighting
1	August: 2 wks	1491–1607	Year before Columbus’s voyage to Jamestown	4–6%
2	September: 4 wks	1607–1754	Jamestown to the start of French and Indian War	6–8%
3	October: 4 wks	1754–1800	French and Indian War to Jefferson’s election	10–17%
4	November: 4 wks	1800–1848	Jefferson’s election to the Seneca Falls Declaration	10–17%
5	December: 3 wks	1844–1877	Mexican War to end of Reconstruction	10–17%
6	January: 4 wks	1865–1898	End of Civil War to start of Spanish-American War	10–17%
7	February: 4 wks	1890–1945	Closing of the frontier to the end of World War II	10–17%
8	March: 4 wks	1945–1980	End of World War II to Reagan’s election	10–17%
9	April: 4 wks	1980–2020	Reagan’s election to present (at least 9/11 attacks)	4–6%

Typical Day in AP US History

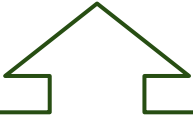
Mondays: 35 minutes








Tue/Thu or Wed/Fri: 80 minutes

- Welcome/Review
- Live/Direct Instruction
- Guided Practice
- Small Group Collaboration
- Independent Practice
- Homework Assignment



Student Online Norms



BE ON TIME	WORK AREA	TECH READY
<p>Log on a few minutes before</p> 	<p>Quiet place</p> <p>Have all necessary supplies</p> 	 <p>Device is plugged in or charged</p>
<h3 data-bbox="983 629 1416 725">PRESENCE</h3>	<h3 data-bbox="1437 758 1885 853">PARTICIPATION</h3>	
 <p>Wear appropriate clothing</p> <p>Sit up straight</p>	<p>Be focused, attentive, & involved</p>	<p>Use headphones if needed</p> 
<h3 data-bbox="970 986 1416 1082">COMMUNICATION</h3>		<p>Only unmute when teacher says to do so or calls on you by name</p> <p>Camera is on</p>

Student Grades

Categories:

- 60% Assessments
- 20% Practice
- 20% Assignments



Grades rounded to whole number

Added grade point to GPA for AP

Most students don't earn A's, but all who try should pass with a C

Grades will be updated weekly in Aeries beginning this weekend

Grading Scale:

A 90-100%

B 80-89%

C 70-79%

D 60-69%

F 0-59%

Keys to Student Success

- Avoid procrastination
- Take responsibility
- Earn all the “easy points”
- Ask questions
- Check Teams regularly
- Read and do with intention
- Review regularly
- Don't cheat





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