

WHICH GEOGRAPHY IS RIGHT FOR ME?

Students enrolled in the Elk Grove Unified School District are required to complete five credits of World Geography for graduation. At Franklin High School we offer two courses that meet the World Geography requirement, World Geography College Prep and Advanced Placement Human Geography. Both courses meet the UC/CSU a-g requirements. Below is a chart providing key information on each of the courses available at Franklin High School.

	World Geography College Prep	Advanced Placement Human Geography
Enrollment	9th graders	9 th -12 th graders
Length of Course	90-minute block for one 9-week quarter	90-minute block for two non-consecutive 9-week quarters
Academic Credit	5 Credits	10 credits College credit at many colleges and universities with a score of 3 or higher on the national AP Human Geography Exam. Grades of C or higher are weighted on a 5.0 scale.
Course Description	CP World Geography is designed to promote basic geographic literacy by teaching a combination of physical, cultural and political geography. Students will gain awareness and understanding of the world's geographic regions and relate that knowledge to events in today's rapidly changing world. The focus at the start of the course is on development of basic skills in reading maps, charts and graphs to further knowledge of world geography content. Throughout the course, students will be instructed and given support in applying and practicing critical reading strategies and argumentative writing techniques in alignment with the common core curriculum. A variety of note-taking strategies will also be taught and practiced. Students will memorize physical features of the world, distinguish between world culture regions, and memorize the world political map in addition to gaining awareness of current events.	AP Human Geography is two term course which presents the Advanced Placement Human Geography Curriculum as designed by the College Board. This course also serves as an introductory class for the College Board AP curriculum model and is the only AP course available to 9 th grade students. As such, there is emphasis on teaching appropriate study skills, preparation, and student responsibility so as to ensure student success in the coursework, and as preparation for future AP courses. Content focuses on the distribution, processes, and effects of human populations on the earth. Units of study include population, migration, culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political geography, industry, economic development, agriculture and urban geography. California Common Core reading and writing standards are emphasized in addition to skills specific to AP courses. <i>This course is designed to familiarize students with the concepts and skills necessary for success in AP World History and beyond, therefore it is significantly more challenging than CP World Geography. Students should be willing to provide a high level of effort on a daily and nightly basis in order to meet extensive reading and writing expectations.</i>
Course Textbook	<i>Geography Alive!</i> , Diane Hart, Teachers' Curriculum Institute	<i>The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography</i> (11 th edition), James Rubenstein