

Application for the Advanced Placement Human Geography Section of Honors Geography and Honors World Civilizations



Introduction

Geography and World Civilizations are required for high school graduation and Oak Canyon has always offered honors sections in both classes. But to give college bound students even more flexibility, 9th grade honors students will be able to take a section of Honors Geography and Honors World Civilizations with an emphasis on AP Human Geography. This course is the equivalent to an introductory **college course** in Human Geography. Students will meet high school graduation requirements for Geography and World Civilizations, but the course work will be **college level**. The class will prepare students to take the AP Human Geography exam in May of 2012. If you are not intending to take the Advanced Placement Human Geography test, then you should sign up for a different section of Honors Geography and Honors World Civilizations. Students who pass the Advanced Placement test will earn college credit. The class is taught by Chelsey Olenik (formally Collins) who has a Bachelor's Degree in Geography. For questions about the class, please contact Mrs. Olenik at ccollins@alpine.k12.ut.us.

Course Description

AP Human Geography introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine diverse peoples, areas and environmental consequences. They will also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. Topics include population, culture, political organization, agriculture and land use, industrialization and economic development, and urban land use. Students will use a **college level textbook** in Human Geography.

Application (Due by March 25, 2011)

Name (please print):

1. In the space provided, describe why you think you are prepared to take a college level class.

2. Define Geography and list 5 reasons why you think it is important to study Geography.

3. Since the focus of this honors section is on Human Geography, the regular work on physical geography (plate tectonics, weathering, erosion, climate, vegetation, etc.) in the State Core will be done at home. Are you willing to complete internet assignments for the unit over the summer to meet the requirement for high school graduation?

Yes No Explain:

4. Please include an address where you can receive mail over the summer.

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Current GPA:

Teacher Recommendation:

History English

Student Signature:

Parent Signature: