



# AP European History Syllabus

## Course Details

**Course Code:** 337600AW

**Subject:** Social Studies

**Required Prerequisites:** None

**Suggested Prerequisites:** None

**Recommended Grade Levels:** 11th and 12th grades

**Duration:** Yearlong

**Course Availability:** A listing of when this course is offered in the current school year can be found on the [VirtualSC Current Course Offerings page \(opens in a new window\)](#).

**Class Times:** This course has scheduled instructional meetings. Information on scheduled meetings for each course is communicated by the teacher. Recordings of these meetings will be available for students unable to attend. Students should expect to spend 7-9 hours a week working on this course independently, in addition to any live meetings, and are expected to meet the deadlines posted in the course pacing guide..

**Textbook:** Dennis Sherman and Joyce Salisbury. (2011). *The West in the World: A History of Western Civilization*, AP 5th ed. McGraw-Hill Education.

**Required Course Materials:** None

**Outside Websites:** A list of links to websites and online textbooks used in this course can be found here: [VSC Course Links Document Folder \(opens in a new window\)](#). Students will need to be able to access all these links to access all course materials.

Students are encouraged to visit the [AP European History Student Page \(opens in a new window\)](#) for additional resources and information about the exam.

**Final Exam:** Students in this course take a VirtualSC final exam **AND** an Advanced Placement (AP) exam]. Details on scheduling and taking final exams can be found on the [Final Exam Page \(opens in a new window\)](#) of the VirtualSC webpage.

## Course Description

The Advanced Placement Program in European History corresponds to the most recent trends in history curriculum at the undergraduate level. The program makes demands upon the students equivalent to those of full-year introductory college courses. Students are expected to demonstrate knowledge of basic chronology and of major events and trends from approximately 1450 to 2001. The course is designed to give students grounding in historical content with a focus on historiography and interpretation and analysis of primary and secondary documents. Students are provided with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with problems and materials in European history. Emphasis is placed on analyzing historical data, synthesizing evidence and evaluating the ideas of others as students develop the ability to express themselves with clarity and precision when writing essays. AP students also learn to deal with strenuous traditional academic settings and ultimately achieve at levels they never imagined possible. These skills are transferable to all subject areas.

Students who successfully complete the course stand a good chance of making a passing grade on the Advanced Placement European History Examination, which will be administered in May. All students enrolled in this course must take the Advanced Placement Exam. On successful completion of the exam, students may be awarded college credit. The most critical keys to student success are consistency and commitment.

The curriculum used in this course is guided by the [College Board AP Placement European History Framework \(opens in a new window\)](#) and, where applicable, the [South Carolina State Standards for Modern World History \(opens in a new window\)](#).

## Scope and Sequence

- € Course Overview & Introduction
- € Unit 01: The Renaissance
- € Unit 02: The Reformation
- € Unit 03: Exploration and Building of Colonial Empires
- € Unit 04: The Emergence of Modern States
- € Unit 05: The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment
- € Unit 06: Expansion of European Colonial Empires
- € Unit 07: Divergent Paths
- € Unit 08: The French Revolution and Napoleon
- € Unit 09: The First Industrial Revolution
- € Unit 10: European Societies in the Early 19th Century
- € Unit 11: Revolution and Counter-Revolution

- € Unit 12: Industrialization and Imperialism
- € Unit 13: European Society and Culture in the Late 19th Century
- € Unit 14: World War I and the End of Empire
- € Unit 15: Europe Between the World Wars
- € Unit 16: World War II and the Division of Europe
- € Unit 17: European Societies and Cultures during the Cold War
- € Unit 18: European States Confront New Global Challenges
- € Final Exam: Essays
- € Final Exam: Multiple Choice
- € AP Exam

Students will be sent a full list of assignments and their due dates at the beginning of the course.

Current pacing guides for this course can be found on the [Current Course Offerings page](#) (opens in a new window) on the VirtualSC website.

## Course Grades

The final grade in this course results from the following:

- Coursework: 80%  
(Each unit in this course counts approximately 4.5% each towards your coursework grade.)
- Two-Part Final Exam: 20%  
(Each part of the final exam counts 50% of the final exam grade.)

## VirtualSC Details

Information on VirtualSC student guidelines, policies and technology requirements can be found in the [VirtualSC Student Support Portal \(opens in a new window\)](#).