



BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

A.P. HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

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AP Human Geography is a college level course offered to 9th graders at BRHS. It is an academic elective that is challenging, but will prepare students for future advanced classes as well as college. You need parental and/or teacher approval to be registered for the course. You should consider yourself a very well qualified candidate if you meet the criteria below.

- Earned a B or higher in 8th grade Language Arts or American History
- Recommended by 8th grade Language Arts or American History teacher
- Level 3, 4, or 5 reader.

The students most successful in this course are the ones with the strongest reading skills and best work ethic. If you are interested in how people have changed the earth over time, this would be a great course for you. We will study population, migration, cultures, politics, agriculture, industry, and urbanization among other topics. The course is a great opportunity to begin preparing yourself for additional Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes that you may take in the future at BRHS.

It is sometimes helpful to hear from actual students about what a course is like. On the back of this letter are a few quotes from some former students when they were asked, “What would you tell an 8th grader that was interested in taking AP Human Geography next year?”

Please email or call with additional questions. Also, please feel free to email me if you are interested in seeing the course syllabus and other related materials in order to help you in making your decision.

Thank You,

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Quotes from current and former students at BRHS about AP Human Geography:

"Taking AP Human Geography set the tone for my high school career. The knowledge I gained in the class allowed me to approach other classes with a deeper understanding of cultural and societal norms, something that you can't find in any other class."

Obed Antoine, Class of 2018

"AP Human Geography is not only a great introduction to the AP platform and curriculum, but is also a course that, through its concepts of human patterns, equips students to better understand why historical trends occur. The result is a course that prepares students for other AP courses in terms of time management and historical understanding."

Daniel Rodrigues, Class of 2018

"AP Human Geography is an engaging and demanding class. While in APHUG, I was absolutely fascinated about how much I didn't know about the world around me and how what I do every day affects the course of history itself. Topics that I covered my freshman year in APHUG come up in almost every single class that I have taken (APUSH, APWH, APES, APLANG, APLIT, APGOV, APBIO). Not only do I feel that APHUG enhanced my learning experience, it allowed me to grow as a student. You'll learn new note taking strategies, how to balance homework, and become more in tune with your strengths as a student. I would 100% recommend this class to any student who wants a more dynamic course that ties in ideas from every area of study!"

Alyssa Gagnon, Class of 2018

"Taking AP Human my freshman year not only prepared me for future AP classes but inspired me to take more. Mr. Nelson is a fantastic teacher, and helped me establish a work ethic that I still carry today."

Corey Orlando, Class of 2018

"Although you may not realize it at the time, APHUG is one of the most interesting classes you can take, and you will be able to apply the information you use in many classes/situations after. It may be hard/challenging at times, but I believe it is definitely worth taking. You won't regret it."

Michelle Sobolewski, Class of 2018

"AP Human Geography helps show you the scope of the world through a fun and interesting perspective. This is the most relevant and useful class you will ever take."

Will Marston, Class of 2019

"AP Human Geography has been the most relative and applicable course that I've taken during my time in high school. The content (principles, models, theories, etc.) learned in the class can be applied in nearly every other course offered at Braden River, especially those associated with social studies. The combination of an exceptional curriculum with an interactive and engaging instructor creates one of the best learning experiences any incoming student could hope to have."

Nick Anderson, Class of 2019