



Bloomington High School is a diverse community that supports lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens in our global society. Together we will provide a safe environment that guides students to reach their full potential in pursuit of academic and personal fulfillment.

Course Title: AP American History (Year; 1 credit)

Course Description: This course covers American History with college-level expectations and engagement. The credits of study are chronologically arranged and extend from Colonial America and Puritanism to the present. Students will become familiar with divergent viewpoints concerning critical historical issues through an evaluation of a wide range of documents. In the analysis and exploration of these important issues, an emphasis is placed upon the development of interpretive and critical thinking and writing skills. Course requirements include class discussion following extensive reading and writing assignments. This course follows the College Board Advanced Placement Syllabus and students are strongly encouraged to take the national College Board exam in May. Please see the section at the beginning of this guide concerning AP exams. This course carries the honors/advanced G.P.A. weighting.

Units of Study:

Semester 1:

- Period 1: 1491-1607
- Period 2: 1607-1754
- Period 3: 1754-1800
- Period 4: 1800-1848
- Period 5: 1844-1877

Semester 2:

- Period 6: 1865-1898
- Period 7: 1890-1945
- Period 8: 1945-1980
- Period 9: 1980-2021
- APUSH Review
- AP In-Class Exam
- AP College Board Exam

Texts and Required Readings:

Kennedy, David M. & Cohen, Elizabeth. *The American Pageant: A History of the American People*, AP Edition. 17th ed. Boston, Mass: Cengage Learning, Inc., 2020.

BHS Grading Scale and Policy:

The semester final grade is obtained from running semester grade (80%) and the semester final exam grade (20%). This means that you will have already earned 80% of your final grade by the time you reach semester exams. Semester exams are required. [BHS Handbook, pg. 17](#)

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

Below 60% = F

BHS Makeup Work Policy:

All students are expected to do makeup work in a timely fashion. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments prior to a pre-arranged absence, and immediately upon return for all other absences. General rule: one day absence affords one day to complete formative makeup work. For summative, students should expect to complete on the day of return. Failure to complete makeup work by the teacher deadline will result in a zero/missing in Gradebook. [BHS Handbook, pg. 37](#).

Discussing Controversial Issues in the Classroom:

The guidelines set forth by the District 87 Board Policy 6.070 will be used handling controversial issues in the classroom. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.