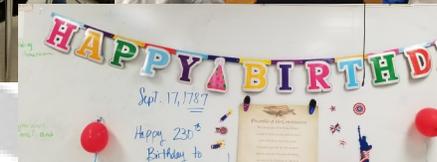


What is the difference between Dual Credit U.S. History and A.P. US History?

The classes are both together, so the content and expectations for both classes are the same. For Dual Credit, you will first need to apply and be accepted into the Dual Credit program through Northwest Vista College. Dual Credit students receive credit in most public in-state colleges whether the AP exam is taken or not. However, we encourage all students, whether Dual Credit or AP to take the AP exam in May, as your AP teacher has prepared you well and which college you will attend will not yet be decided.

It is important to note that because you are dually enrolled in both Northwest Vista and in high school, all course work and grades are part of your permanent college record. Please consult your counselor and parents before making this important choice.

**Why take
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What you need to know about this course...

What is A.P. US History (APUSH)?

This is a college-level course offered to 11th graders and explores the history of the United States from the first European explorations of the Americas to present day events and trends. APUSH is a **pre-requisite course, worth 6 credit hours at most colleges, for most undergraduate majors, so it is your chance to take a pre-requisite before you enter college.** Students examine political institutions and behaviors, public policy, social and economics change, diplomacy and international relations, and cultural and intellectual developments.



How do I know if I'm ready for APUSH? Ask yourself these questions:

- Are you committed to completing short chapter readings?
- Are you willing to manage your time to complete an Out-of-class notebook every 2-4 weeks?
- Have you done well in your other Social Studies classes?
- Are you willing to come to class each day prepared to participate in discussions and activities?

New to the AP Program? Here's what it means..

AP stands for "Advanced Placement" and the main goal of an AP class is to prepare you to take a national, standardized test in a particular subject area. The AP tests are usually given in May and are graded by teachers and professors from around the country. The exams are scored on a scale from 1 to 5. Most colleges will give you either college credit or college placement for a score of at least a "3" on the exam.



Not actually Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton and George Washington—
Ms. Pohovich, Mr Reid and Mrs. Cain— your APUSH teachers

The APUSH Exam

You are strongly encouraged, but not required, to take the AP exam. **Earning college credit could save you and your family thousands of dollars in tuition and book fees.** The exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long:

Section 1: (95 minutes)

- 55 minutes to complete 55 multiple-choice questions- 40% of score
- Short Answer Questions (SAQs): 3 questions, 40 minutes—20% of score

Section 2: (100 minutes total)

- 1 Document-based Question (DBQ) - 25% of score
- 1 Long Essay Question (LEQ) - 15% of score

