

BENTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
United States History (IB/AP) Contract
2015-2016

Course Contact Information

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Course Information:

- **IB/AP United States History** is designed to be the equivalent of a general U.S. history course usually taken during the first college year. It CAN earn students college credit and WILL prepare students for the rigors of university coursework. It is a two-semester survey of American history from the pre-Columbian period to the present.
- It is assumed the student will spend at least five hours per week in unsupervised individual study.
- The course is generally presented in a lecture/discussion format. Solid reading and writing skills, along with a willingness to devote considerable time to homework and study, are necessary to succeed. Emphasis is placed on critical and evaluative thinking skills, essay writing, interpretation of original documents, and historiography. Major research projects may be assigned. All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the AP Exam.
- **Prerequisites:** AP World History and 3.0 GPA (preferred)

GENERAL COURSE EXPECTATIONS

- Students will need to purchase supplemental materials for the course. This requirement will be made known through the course description.
- Students are committing to remain in the course all year. Students will only be allowed to drop the course during the prescribed time period determined by BHS administration.
- Pursuant to Arkansas Department of Education regulations (SI-05-010), in order for a student to receive weighted credit for an Advanced Placement course, that student must complete the appropriate AP exam for that course.
- The Arkansas Department of Education will pay for all student AP test registration fees.
- Students will review the **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY** as outlined in the Bentonville High School Student Handbook. Breach of the **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY** may cause dismissal from the Advanced Placement class in addition to measures outlined in the general behavior policies of BHS.

-----DETATCH HERE, COMPLETE IN FULL, AND RETURN TO TEACHER-----

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I am familiar with the expectations of the Advanced Placement courses and accept the academic challenges. I agree to organize my time and efforts to successfully complete the course. Due to the increased rigor and challenge of this course, I will notify the teacher, request help, and attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or have difficulty with course content. I understand that my success in this AP course is primarily my responsibility.

PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read the description for this IB/AP course, am familiar with the requirements, and agree to support and encourage my son/daughter in his/her endeavors in the course. I will regularly check my student's grades online and will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns I have relating to the AP class or my student's progress.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

STUDENT NAME PRINTED

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