

# Freshmen have the option of taking three freshmen level geography courses. What is the difference?

## World Geography

- Coursework based on the World Geography Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
- Short writing assignments, weekly reading assignments
- Tests include matching, multiple choice and (occasionally) short answer
- 2-5 formative assessments per week (in class), 2-4 tests per six-weeks

## World Geography Advanced (+5 will be added to final grade upon successful completion of the course)

- Coursework based on the World Geography Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and Pre-AP Geography curriculum (The College Board)
- Five-paragraph essay assignments with each unit of study (thesis-based)
- 15-20 pages of reading per week from textbook (at home)
- Six-weeks projects (individual and group)
- Tests include multiple choice, matching, and AP style questions
- 2-3 formative assessments per week (in and out of class), 2-3 tests per six-weeks

## Human Geography AP (+8 will be added to the final class grade upon successful completion of the course; college credit awarded upon passing the College Board AP Human Geography Exam in May)

- College-based curriculum of study that follows College Board requirements and recommendations
- Journals, essay writing and FRQ's (free-response questions) on a weekly/bi-weekly basis
- 20-40 pages of at-home **college-level** reading per week (textbook, online resources, professional journals)
- Six-weeks projects that will entail internet research and possible travel time to local cultural sites
- Tests include 30-40 college-level multiple choice questions and 1-2 free response questions
- 1-2 formative assessments per week, 3-4 tests per six weeks (six-weeks projects and some essays will also count as major grades)

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