

## AP World History - DCFSP4509

This course spans the Neolithic age to the present in a rigorous academic format organized by chronological periods and viewed through fundamental concepts and course themes. Students analyze the causes and processes of continuity and change across historical periods. Themes include human-environment interaction, cultures, expansion and conflict, political and social structures, and economic systems. In addition to mastering historical content, students cultivate historical thinking skills that involve crafting arguments based on evidence, identifying causation, comparing and supplying context for events and phenomenon, and developing historical interpretation.

Module Order	Module Name	Topics
1	Early Complex Societies: 3500 B.C. - 500 B.C.	Hunting-Gathering; Neolithic Revolution; Agricultural Revolution; Technological Revolution; Indus River (Aryans); China (Shang and Zhou Dynasties)
2	The Classical and Postclassical Eras: 500 B.C. - 1000 C.E.	Classical Asia; Classical Persia; Greeks and Romans; The Spread of Islam; Christendom
3	Acceleration of Cross Cultural Interaction Outside of Europe: 1000 - 1500 C.E.	Turkish Expansion; The Mongol Empires; Africa's Islamic Kingdoms; Culture in Sub-Saharan Africa; Oceania; Aztecs; Incas
4	Europe and the World: 1000 - 1500 C.E.	Medieval European States; Society and Religion in Medieval Europe; Indian Ocean Trade; Silk Road; Hanseatic League; African Trade Centers; Humanism; Artists in the Renaissance; Literature in the Renaissance
5	Exploration and Change: 1500 - 1800 C.E.	Exploration and Colonization; Conflict in Europe, Asia, and the Americas; The Reformation; New Ideas of government, Economy, and Science; The "New World" (Americas and Oceania)
6	Africa and Asia in Flux: 1500 - 1800 C.E.	Slave Trade; Columbian Exchange; Commercial Revolution (England, France); China; Unification of Japan; Formation of Islamic Empires (Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughal)
	Semester 1 Exam	
7	Revolution and Nationbuilding: 1750 - 1900 C.E.	French Revolution; American Revolution; Haitian Revolution; South American Revolutions; Reign of Terror; Napoleon; Brazil Revolution; Mexican Revolution; German Unification; Italian Unification; Industrialization; Socialism
8	The Growth of Empire: 1800 - 1914 C.E.	Decline of the Ottoman Empire; Czars and their Power in Russia; Imperialism in China; Opium Wars; Sino-Japanese War; Boxer Rebellion; Japanese Imperialism; Open Door Policy; Europe's Imperialism of India; Sepoy mutiny; African Imperialism; South Africa; Egypt; Berlin Conference; The American Empire
9	The World at War and in Crisis: 1914 - 1939 C.E.	Causes of WWI; The Great War; League of Nations; Treaty of Versailles; Effects of WWI; Decline of the Ottoman Empire; Czars and their Power in Russia; Global Depression; Rise of Fascism, Communism, and Nazism; Nationalism in Asia, African, and Latin America
10	Contemporary Global Realignment: 1939 -1980	Events in WWII; Possible Reasons for WWII Beginning; Holocaust; Atomic bomb; Effects of WWII; United Nations; Indian Independence; Israel; Six-Day War; Iranian Revolution; South Africa; Sub-Saharan Africa; African Union; Rwanda

		Genocide; China and communism; Mao Zedong; Cultural Revolution; China's Mixed Economy; Korean War (Rise of N. Korea); Vietnam War
11	Shaping Today's World: 1980 - Today	Fall of the Soviet Union; Modern Poland; Modern Germany; Modern Russia; Terrorism in the Post-Modern Era; Persian Gulf War; New Global Economy; Global Environmental Problems; Global Issues: Rights
	Semester 2 Exam	