

Honors Global Studies

North Pointe Prep

2020-2021 COURSE SYLLABUS



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Supplies

An important part of middle school is developing effective organizational strategies and habits.

The following tools are recommended to help keep you organized:

- 3-Ring Binder
- #2 Pencil, Pens, Highlighter
- Index Cards

Course Description

This course is designed to help you understand global events and history from the 1500's to modern times. In this course you will learn:

- To interpret historical data
- Construct timelines
- Map reading and Navigation
- Formulation of questions/answers based on analytical data
- Distinction between Primary and Secondary sources
- Analyze Cause and Effect of various historical events and figures
- Analyze, Compare and Contrast:
 - Political ideologies, laws and

Units of Study

- How We got Here: the 1500's and Map Introduction
- Renaissance, Reformation and Scientific Revolution
- Exploration, Expansion and Empires
- Absolute Power vs. Enlightenment
- Revolutions: American, French and Industrial
- WWI and Russian Revolution
- Interwar Period
- WWII
- Aftermath of the War
- Cold War Parts 1 & 2
- Modern Times



“It takes hard work to see results. In the middle of difficulty, lies opportunity.”

– *Albert Einstein*

Distance Learning

When it comes to distance learning, students are expected to adhere to the same standards of behavior online that they follow at school. Classes will happen during their regularly scheduled time and students are expected to show up on time for class. After logging in, they should mute themselves but keep their video on until I have taken attendance. At this time, students may turn off their cameras if they wish to. If a student is experiencing technical issues and cannot sign into class, they should email me immediately. The expectations for students remain the same online as they are in person as it applies to attendance, assignments, and assessments.

Attendance

Students are expected to be in class every day. Please refer to the Student Handbook on the school's policies toward absences. Unexcused absences and absences due to in-school or out-of-school suspension receive scores of zero on any assignments or assessments due that day.

I do understand there are unavoidable circumstances in which a student will be absent. When this occurs, it is the student's responsibility to acquire materials (i.e.: notes, assignments, etc..) they missed.

Tardiness

Tardiness is unacceptable. It does not only affect the individual who is tardy, but their classmates. The first offense will result in a formal warning. Habitual tardiness will result in administrative action to suspension and/or loss of credit for this course.

Class Expectations



- Be on time
- Respect yourself and others
- Be prepared



- Do your best work
- Maintain an environment for learning
- Keep a positive attitude



- Take responsibility
- Dress appropriately
- Use your time wisely

Grading Policy

Grading Philosophy

Grading in this course will reflect a student's achievement relative to the assigned coursework (i.e.: tests, quizzes, homework, class work, participation, group projects, etc.).

Course Grading

Each student will receive a letter grade upon completion of this course. This grade will correlate with the effort and achievement of individual students on class assessments and assignments. All assessments and assignments will be recorded in the online grading resource as "Total Points". All points, regardless of category (i.e.: tests/quizzes, classwork, homework), will be weighted equally to the calculation of the course grade. Students and parents can access course grades using the Online Academic Resource via the Student Grades link on www.northpointeprep.com.

Late Work

All assignments are due on the specified time that I set. Late work, will receive a grade penalty of 30% for up to one week after the original due date. Any work submitted after one week will receive a zero. This policy is meant to prepare students for higher education and to teach time management. The obvious exception is if the student is ill or absent. Per the Student Handbook, students are granted two days upon their return to make up class work and must complete tests and quizzes immediately upon their return.

Grade Breakdown

The grade percentages that correlate with the actual letter grade are listed below. Semester Final Grade = 40% Q1/3 + 40% Q2/4 + 20% final exam.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Extra Credit
90-100%+	A	Extra credit will be available at my discretion. Students are welcome to propose an extra credit opportunity, but they must bear in mind that not every proposal will be accepted.
80-89%	B	
68-79%	C	
58-68%	D	
Below 58%	F	

Mandatory Tutoring

If a student is earning a grade of F, they must attend tutoring from 2:35pm-3:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays until their grade improves to at least a D. Students with a current grade of "D" are strongly encouraged to attend tutoring to raise their grade. A student currently below a "D" or 58%, will sign an Individualized Academic Plan. This plan is designed for students to commit to specific, problem-solving strategies to improve their grade to at least a D. Failure to report to or refusal to effectively participate in tutoring will be considered insubordination and subject to administrative action.

Student Behavior

Student Attention

Students will be expected to pay attention during the lesson. Paying attention while someone else is speaking is a major part of creating a respectful environment. In addition, most of the course material will be presented via lecture. Notes are mandatory to do well in this class. Much of the information will not be blatantly printed on the provided materials. This means that you will have to attend to the entire lecture and generate your own, marginal notes consistently. This is preparation for a college environment, where student-centered note-taking is a crucial skill.

Cell Phone/Device Policy

Cell phones and other devices (i.e.: smart watches, tablets, handheld games, etc.) are not to be used during the class period unless instructed otherwise for the facilitation of coursework. If a cell phone, or other like device, causes a disruption to the class, it will be confiscated for the class period. Multiple occurrences will lead to confiscation for a full academic day and/or turning the device into the front office to be picked up by a parent. Insubordination regarding device use may result in administrative, disciplinary action. Devices may not be in sight during any testing period. This includes when a student is finished with an assessment. Use or presence of a device during an exam or quiz will automatically render a score of zero for the student.

Course Failure Policy

Once enrolled, North Pointe does not accept course credit from other high school or online institutions. Students who fail a semester core course are required to attend Academic Friday School from 12:15 pm - 3:30 pm the following semester to make up the credit. Students who fail to attend Academic Friday School are subject to disciplinary action.

Parent Communication

Parents may contact me using the contact information listed at the top of this syllabus. Email is the best mode of contact.

If students are having behavior problems or academic issues, I will contact parents to inform them of the problem and enlist their aid in solving it. If the issue remains unsolved, administration will take over to resolve it.