

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY  
COURSE DESCRIPTION  
UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS  
**July 6-10, 2010**

The AP European History course is designed to help students develop an understanding of the principle themes and eras in European History. The themes include; intellectual and cultural history, political and diplomatic history, and social and economic history. In addition the student is expected to demonstrate knowledge of basic chronology as well as important events and trends from the fifteenth through the twentieth century, the Renaissance through the European Union. The student is also expected to develop the ability to analyze primary source documents, recognizing the bias often found within, and the ability to express their understanding of history in a written format.

This Summer Institute is designed for new to, or inexperienced in teaching AP European History, as well as those who have experience in teaching the course. Teachers will learn to develop their AP course from the basics. They will receive instruction on how to choose a textbook (if they are lucky enough to do so!) and choosing ancillary materials that will help. The teachers will work on developing a calendar that will help finish covering necessary material before the administration of the AP Exam. Teachers will also receive help in developing lessons that they can use in their classrooms, as well as exchanging best practices and ideas. Teachers will also receive Power Point Presentations that they may use in class, as well as looking at other types of presentations that can be used to enhance learning. In addition, attendees will receive guidance in developing lessons based on the use of primary source documents, as well as primary source documents themselves, and instruction on helping students develop the necessary skills to analyze those documents. Teachers will also receive instruction on how to help students write answers to Free Response Questions as well as Document Based Questions. This will include lessons on developing the thesis, and adding factual information as well as analysis to the essay.

Teachers attending the Summer Institute will spend time developing multiple choice questions that are similar to those found on the AP Exam and learn how to score those types of tests. They will also receive instruction on scoring the DBQ and have the opportunity to practice this skill with actual AP DBQ's. They will be able to take with them multiple DBQ's as well as the rubrics and sample essays. We will also work with actual Free Response AP questions and practice scoring these using the actual rubrics. Again, the teachers will receive actual AP questions, along with rubrics and sample essays. Finally teachers will receive instruction on helping the students actually prepare for the AP Exam, as well as guidelines for the review.

Brief personal narrative:

Name- Robert Wade

School- Bryan Adams High School, Dallas, TX.

Position- Social Studies Department Chair, Lead AP teacher

Qualifications- 32 years teaching experience, 21 years as AP European History Teacher, 12 years as a College Board consultant in the Southwest Region, 11 years as Reader for AP European History, and 6 years as Summer Institute Lead Consultant.

Family- Married for 33 years, Karen, and 3 children; Scott, Christina, and Matt

Hobbies- Triathlons, Cycling, and Reading

**Times:** Classes meet 8:30am to 4:30pm, with an hour for lunch, Tuesday through Friday. Saturday classes meet from 8:30am to 12:00 noon at which time the Institute will conclude. Certificates of attendance will be provided. College credit is not available.

**Tuition:** Tuition is \$450 including lunch and printed materials. Texas Public School teachers may apply for a state-funded reimbursement of \$450. The University has set aside one tuition scholarship per private school.

**Housing:** Dorm accommodations include Monday supper, three meals per day, Tuesday- Friday, and breakfast on Saturday. Phone jacks are in each room. Rooms are located on floors with community baths (each room has its own sink). All facilities are air-conditioned. Dorm residents may check in on Monday afternoon, July 5. Room and Board is \$300.

**Registration:** Application and payment for the AP Summer Institute must be received by July 1, 2010. No refunds will be made after this date. Make checks payable to "UD APSI." Mail, fax, or call your interest/reservation.

**Addresses:** APSI, University of Dallas, Braniff Graduate Office, Carpenter Hall, 1845 E. Northgate Dr., Irving, TX 75062-4736; Phone (972) 721-5106; Fax (972) 721-5280; E-mail [cnolan@udallas.edu](mailto:cnolan@udallas.edu).

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**Registration Form**

Please register me for AP European History 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be needing room and board? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended previous AP summer institutes? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taught AP European History before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration form to:

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