

ROSLYN HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT: SOCIAL STUDIES

NAME OF COURSE: EUROPEAN HISTORY ADVANCED PLACEMENT

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

The aim of this course is to build on the students' knowledge of the factual narrative of history:

- A. an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European history;
- B. an awareness of some of the consequences of European contacts with other areas of the world, and
- C. an ability to analyze historical interpretations and primary sources.

The chronological period begins with the high Renaissance and concludes with the 1970's. After the **Advanced Placement Exam** in mid-May, the course will concentrate on preparing the students for the Global Studies Regents. A discussion of values is integrated throughout.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Age of Transition
- 17th Century Political, Scientific, and Philosophic Developments
- French Revolution and Napoleon
- 19th Century Reform and Revolution
- Late 19th Century Political and intellectual Developments, Imperialism
- 20th Century Europe
- USSR and Eastern Europe
- Middle East and North Africa
- The World Today

TEXTBOOKS

The History of Western Society: McKay, Hill, Buckler

REQUIREMENTS

Many short essays; unit tests; class participation and assigned topics.

GRADING PROCEDURES

Primarily on tests and essays.

Global Studies Regents Examination