This college-level course is a survey in European history from the 15th century to the present, and it covers cultural, economic, political and social developments that played a role in changes that occurred over time. The goals of AP European History "are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing." A college-level text is used, and students engage in college-level writing and discussion. This course prepares students for the AP European History examination. The AP European History examination includes these three sections: (1) multiple choice questions, (2) document-based essay, and (3) free response essays.