

Social Studies Communications
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In November 2014, the SBOE adopted revisions to the TEKS for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) social studies courses that meet social studies graduation requirements.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the following courses are now required to address the TEKS for the corresponding course:

- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP U.S. History
- AP U.S. Government
- IB History: Americas
- IB Geography, Standard Level
- IB Geography, Higher Level

The amended rules can be accessed in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter113/ch113d.html>.

Please note that because the TEKS-based and AP/IB courses will now address the same set of TEKS, a student can no longer earn state credit for both courses. For example, a student who has earned credit for World History Studies may not earn state credit for an AP World History course completed in the 2015-2016 school year and beyond.

The exception to this is AP Human Geography. SBOE rules allow students to take AP Human Geography for either one-half credit (as a state elective credit) or one credit (to satisfy the World Geography requirement). As of the 2015-2016 school year, the one-credit AP Human Geography course must provide instruction in the TEKS for World Geography, and students would not be able to earn credit for both World Geography Studies and the one-credit AP Human Geography course. The one-half credit AP Human Geography course is not required to address the TEKS for World Geography, so students will still be permitted to earn credit for World Geography Studies and the one-half credit AP Human Geography course.