

# STEVENSON

## History Course Eligibility Criteria New Students 2024

Eligibility for an honors or AP history course for grades 10, 11, and 12 for a student new to the Pebble Beach Campus is based on a review of:

- The student's transcript;
- A writing sample. Ideally, the writing sample is a term paper written for a history course that has been turned into a teacher and includes the teacher's comments and corrections. This allows the department head to assess not only the quality of the student's writing and the rigor of his or her current curriculum, but also the nature of the student's historical thinking skills (e.g. the student's ability to comprehend and summarize historical sources; assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of sources; contextualization, comparison; causation; change/continuity; thesis-development; and evidence analysis). The paper should be accompanied by a brief description of the assignment for which the paper was written, and notes about whether the paper is a rough draft or a final draft;
- A note from the student to the history department indicating why he or she believes the honors or AP history course is a good choice;
- Teachers of the honors or AP course may ask students requesting eligibility for the course to submit further materials geared to the content and demands of their course.

AP Economics is open only to grade 12 students. A writing sample is not required, instead the department will review your file and reach out with any questions about your background. In addition to demonstrating advanced skills in historical thinking, students who wish to be placed into AP Economics in grade 12 must possess strong mathematical reasoning skills and the ability to interpret and analyze data, graphs, and tables.