

AP Parent Night

An Introduction to Advanced Placement Program





Welcome

- What will be covered
 - The Benefits
 - AP Exams
 - What is it like to take an AP course?
 - Next Steps: Help your child make the best choices
 - Q&A



Advanced Placement: The Basics

- AP® courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3,4 or 5 on an AP Exam can typically earn students co credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college



Our AP Courses

- AP Capstone:** AP Seminar

- Arts:** Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio

- English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition

- History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History

- Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

- Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Physics 2: Algebra-based

- World languages:** French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture



Enrollment Trend

AP Enrollments



Advanced Placement: The Basics

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college



AP from the College Admissions Perspective

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*
- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers

•*Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007



AP: Skills and Advantages that last a lifetime.

- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers*

**2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"*



AP Helps Student Graduate on Time and Save Money

- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.
- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board*, 2008

***The College Board*, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1



AP Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



AP: A More Engaging Learning Environment

AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications



AP: Exams

AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



AP: Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2018 is \$100 per exam.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need:
- The College Board offers a \$20 fee reduction per exam for eligible students with financial need.



Colleges Accepting AP Credit

Course

NO. of Colleges Accepting Exam

English Language and Comp

3,280

English Literature and Comp.

3,310

U.S. History

3,056

Psychology

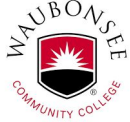
2,995

Physics 1

2,382

Earn College Credit and Save on Tuition

For example- AP English language and Composition (3 or better):



3 hrs of English 101= **\$384**



3 hours of English 1000= **\$2,010**



3 hrs of English 103= **\$1,046.52**



3hrs of English 101= **\$1,110.75**



3 hrs of Freshman Rhetoric= **\$4,000**



3 hrs of ENG-X 101 = **\$6969.20**



Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.

A screenshot of the CollegeBoard website's AP Credit Policy Info page. The page has a blue header with the CollegeBoard logo and navigation links. Below the header, there are tabs for 'AP[®]', 'AP[®] Courses', 'AP[®] Exams', 'AP[®] Research', and 'AP[®] International'. The 'AP[®]' tab is selected. The main content area is titled 'AP Credit Policy Info' and 'Advanced Placement Program'. It includes a search bar with a dropdown menu for 'Find colleges and universities with AP credit policy information'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'AP[®] Courses', 'AP[®] Exams', 'AP[®] Research', and 'AP[®] International'. The page also features a sidebar with links to 'About AP', 'Registering', 'Preparing', 'Calendar & Fees', 'Score Reports', 'Score Grades', 'Score Services', 'Contact Us', and 'Subjects'. At the bottom, there is a footer with links to 'Site Map', 'Contact Us', 'About Us', 'Press', 'Careers', 'Link Us', 'Compliance', 'Terms of Use', and 'Privacy Policy'.

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy



Credit and Placement Opportunities

<http://admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit-AP>

<https://admissions.uiowa.edu/academics/ap>



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What is it like to take AP?



AP Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	AP courses are weighted and carry an honors point on a 4.0 scale. Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.



AP: Parent and Student Expectations

- College level course requires college level expectations:
 - Reading outside of class
 - Writing assignments
 - Participation in discussions
- Regular communication with your teacher
- Advocate when needing help
- Allow for risks and failure



AP: Start the Conversation

Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

What AP course is right for me?

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What college majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

Ask your counselor or teacher the following questions:

- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for college and careers?



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What steps do I need to take?

- What is our school's enrollment deadline?
- May I speak with a student who has taken an AP course?
- Are there study groups or people who can offer help if I need it?
- What can I do next to help me prepare for AP?



Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT® results: My College QuickStart™
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy



Questions and Answers

