

# American School of Paris Advanced Placement & College Preparatory Courses

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## WHAT ARE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES?

**Advanced Placement (AP) courses** were created by the College Board, which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students.

American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations. The AP curriculum for each of the various subjects is created for the College Board by a panel of experts and college-level educators in that field of study.

## THE AP PROGRAM AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PARIS

The AP program at ASP gives students the opportunity to take college-level courses and exams while they are at our school. Successful completion of AP courses provides students with the opportunity to earn credit and/or advanced placement for college or university. Many ASP graduates have earned anywhere from one college credit hour to full second year standing, depending on the number of AP exams taken and the scores earned.

Please note that students not enrolled in AP courses but who may be engaged in self-study are able to order exams in any AP subject.

AP exam grading is based on a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the highest mark.

## AP COURSES OFFERED AT ASP

English Language & Composition  
English Literature & Composition  
Seminar (English)  
French Language & Culture  
Spanish Language & Culture  
Microeconomics  
Macroeconomics  
United States Government & Politics  
United States History  
Comparative Government & Politics  
Environmental Science  
Physics 1  
Calculus AB & BC  
Statistics  
Computer Science A  
Computer Science Principles  
\*Music Theory

**\* = availability dependent on student enrollment**

## COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSES AT ASP

**College preparatory courses** focus on building the foundational skills for university readiness. These courses, which do not lead to an external examination, allow students to explore their interests and reinforce their competencies. These courses are open to all Grade 11 and 12 students who have completed the appropriate prerequisite courses.

## COLLEGE-PREPARATORY COURSES OFFERED AT ASP

Junior English  
Senior English  
French (all levels)  
Spanish (all levels)  
Math (Geometry, Algebra 2, Functions/  
Statistics/Trigonometry)  
Human Geography  
Psychology  
Environmental Science  
Design Technology  
Physics  
Electives including Fine Arts,  
Performing Arts, Design &  
Technology, and Physical Education,  
and Interdisciplinary courses



## WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA PROGRAM?

The **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program** is a two-year comprehensive and challenging pre-university program. The program covers a wide range of academic subjects and is recognized by many universities worldwide.

## THE IB PROGRAM AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PARIS

ASP is one of the founding schools of the International Baccalaureate program and has been offering it for more than 30 years. Our graduates attend many of the best universities in the world. The small IB classes at ASP guarantee the highest degree of individual attention for our students.

The IB Program at ASP combines academic rigor with a variety of extra-curricular and community service projects. Each Diploma student must study six subjects (three at the Higher Level and three at the Standard Level). Students can choose to enroll in either the full Diploma Program or take a selection of courses for certificates.

IB exam grading is based on a scale of 1–7, with 7 being the highest mark.

## CORE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IB DIPLOMA

### Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

The CAS requirement allows students to gain real life experience beyond the classroom by participating in activities in the local community. Students must show evidence of involvement in order to complete CAS.

### Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

TOK is an internally and externally assessed component that explores different subject areas. TOK is a thoughtful exploration of different ways of knowing. It provides an opportunity for students to reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know.

### Extended Essay

The Extended Essay is an externally assessed, independent research paper of 4,000 words in one of six subject areas. It is an opportunity for students to investigate a topic of personal interest, or take the interdisciplinary approach of a World Studies extended essay.

### University Recognition

The IB Diploma is an international passport to higher education. Universities around the world welcome IB Diploma students and recognize how the program helps prepare students for university. IB students routinely gain admission to the best known universities in the world.

## Certificate Program

Students who do not wish to take the full IB Diploma program are encouraged to consider enrolling in one or more IB courses for an IB Course Certificate. Students can take as many IB courses as they like at either the Higher Level or the Standard Level. Students can also combine courses from both the IB and the AP programs to construct a unique academic experience, tailored to the student's own interests and strengths. Students should consult with Counselors and the IB Coordinator for guidance.

## IB COURSES AT ASP

SL = Standard Level HL = Higher Level

English A Literature **SL/HL**  
French A Language & Literature **SL/HL**  
French B **SL/HL, & AB INITIO**  
Spanish B **SL/HL, & AB INITIO**  
History **SL/HL**  
Economics **SL/HL**  
Psychology **SL/HL**  
Biology **SL/HL**  
Chemistry **HL**  
Physics **HL**  
\*Environmental Systems & Societies **SL**  
\*Computer Science **SL/HL**  
Math Analysis & Approaches **SL/HL**  
Math Applications & Interpretation **SL**  
Film **SL/HL**  
Visual Arts **SL/HL**  
Theatre **SL/HL**  
\*Music **SL/HL**

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