

AP Capstone



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AP Seminar and AP Research

What is AP Capstone?

- Two-Year Program
- Seminar: Team Project, Individual Project, and Exam
- Research: Academic Paper and Oral Defense

Why Students Should Take AP Capstone

Emphasizes critical skills needed for college and beyond:

- Research skills for all classes
- Presentation skills for college and career
- Teamwork

AP Capstone: The Benefits

- Earn Distinction - Stand out in college admission process and have the opportunity to earn valuable college credit or placement
- Acquire Critical Skills - Students acquire rigorous college-level analysis, writing, and research skills that are increasingly valued by colleges
- Choose What to Study - Students choose their own research topic and study issues and topics of interest and importance to them

AP Seminar

Students Learn How To:

- Investigate real-world topics from multiple perspectives
- Carefully analyze information, write evidence-based arguments and effectively communicate them
- Work independently and with a team to research a topic, develop a written report, and deliver a presentation

AP Seminar Exam Score

Three Components:

1. Team Project & Presentation: 20%
 - a. Fall Semester
2. Individual Research-Based Essay & Multi-Media Presentation: 35%
 - a. Spring Semester
 - b. College Board Scored
3. End-of-Course Exam: 45%
 - a. Administered in May / College Board Scored

AP Research

Students Learn How to:

- Design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation
- Apply research methods and practices to address a real-world problem selected by the student
- Write a college-level research paper
- Present and orally defend research findings methodology

AP Research Exam Score

Two Components:

1. Academic Paper (4,000-5,000 words): 75%
2. Presentation and Oral Defense: 25%

Diploma v Certificate

- Diploma Students who earn a score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research and on four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Capstone Diploma
- Certificate Students who earn a score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate

AP Capstone at Notre Dame

- 2021-2022: AP Seminar offered to grade 10 and 11 students
- 2022-2023: AP Seminar & Research offered to grade 10, 11, and 12 students



*AP Seminar is a prerequisite for AP Research