

# Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment Classes

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- ❑ There are pros & cons to taking AP classes and Dual Enrollment classes
- ❑ It is important to understand the difference between AP and Dual Enrollment

# Differences

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- AP = The Advanced Placement Program, commonly known as Advanced Placement, or AP, is a United States and Canada-based program that offers high school students the opportunity to receive university credit for their work during high school, as well as a standard measure of achievement in a particular course. A student must pass the exam to earn the college credit. AP classes are taught by White Plains High School Teachers.

# Differences

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- ❑ Dual Enrollment = Dual Enrollment is a program that allows high school students to take college courses and earn college credit prior to high school graduation. In most cases, college credits earned through Dual Enrollment can be transferred to other colleges or universities. The Dual Enrollment courses are taught by WPHS teachers. Students must pay tuition costs for Dual Enrollment courses.
- ❑ The cost is significantly cheaper compared to the cost of taking a course directly at the college or university

## Why take AP/Dual Enrollment Classes?

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- ❑ Dual Enrollment and AP classes can save time and money
- ❑ Many parents/students also like the rigor reflected on a transcript with AP/Dual Enrollment classes
- ❑ Students like accelerated learning and more rigorous classes
- ❑ AP Classes and most Dual Enrollment classes are weighted (1.3 multiplier to final class average)

# Weighted Grade Scale

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A+ 97-100%	$(4.5) \times 1.3 = (5.85)$
A 93-96%	$(4.0) \times 1.3 = (5.20)$
A- 90-92%	$(3.8) \times 1.3 = (4.94)$
B+ 87-89%	$(3.5) \times 1.3 = (4.55)$
B 83-86%	$(3.0) \times 1.3 = (3.90)$
B- 80-82%	$(2.8) \times 1.3 = (3.64)$
C+ 77-79%	$(2.5) \times 1.3 = (3.25)$
C- 70-72%	$(2.0) \times 1.3 = (2.60)$

# What are the negatives?

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- ❑ AP/Dual Enrollment courses are more difficult classes
- ❑ Student do not always get the college credit with an AP class. In an AP class, the student must pass the exam. Not all colleges accept AP scores (or there is a minimum score- usually 3)
- ❑ There is a heavier workload. Students live busy lives and this is a big commitment.

# What are the negatives?

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- ❑ Most State Colleges/Universities will only award college credit for Dual Enrollment courses if a student earns a C or higher
- ❑ Not all Private Colleges/Universities accept Dual Enrollment Credit
- ❑ If the student was not academically ready for the accelerated learning class and receives a poor grade in a Dual Enrollment class, the grade will stay on that student's college transcript



# WPHS AP and Dual Enrollment Courses

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- ❑ On the next slide is a list of the 20 AP Courses and the 10 Dual Enrollment courses offered to WPHS Students
- ❑ The Dual Enrollment courses are through SUNY Albany, Marist College, Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY WCC and Syracuse University

## AP Courses

**Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics C

**Math:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

**History:** World History, U.S History, \*U.S. Government & Politics, \*Comparative Government & Politics, Psychology ( \* offered in alternate years)

**English:** Language & Composition, Literature & Composition

**World Language:** French Language & Culture, Italian Language & Culture, Spanish Language & Culture, Spanish Literature, Chinese Language & Culture

**Art:** Studio in Art

## Dual Enrollment Courses

**Science:** Science Research (SUNY Albany)

**Math:** College Algebra w/Trig, Pre-Calculus, Calculus ( SUNY WCC),  
Multivariable Calculus (Marist College)

**History:** Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy, U.S. History 1, U.S. History 2 (Syracuse University), African American Studies (SUNY WCC)

**English:** English 4 (SUNY WCC), English Writing & Textual Studies, Presentational Speaking (Syracuse University)

**Technology:** Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering Honors (Rochester Institute of Technology)

# Questions?

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