

Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations on your decision to enroll in an Advanced Placement (AP) course at Granada. This decision is a reflection of your dedication to academic excellence and your aspiration to seek new challenges. AP courses, recognized nationally, offer rigorous, college-level curricula that provide students with opportunities to earn college credits and enhance their readiness for higher education. By taking and completing these courses, you are creating future opportunities for success - college admission advantages, college credit and advanced college standing, preparation for college-level work, potential scholarships and financial benefits, increased career opportunities, global recognition, personal growth and development, access to specialized fields of study, networking opportunities, enhanced writing and research skills, development of time management and organizational skills, and more.

Student Expectations in AP

Students entering AP courses should be prepared for an enriching but demanding educational experience. Because GHC is covering the costs of AP exams this school year, students are expected to take the AP exam for each course they are enrolled in. Additional information and guidelines on exam policies will be provided soon. The following are additional key expectations:

- Engage in challenging coursework.
- Dedicate time to homework and study.
- Ensure all work is original.
- Plan and organize effectively.
- Seek help promptly if needed.
- Participate in class discussions and form study groups.
- Communicate openly with teachers.
- Enroll in AP Classroom.
- Adhere to all assignment deadlines.
- Collaborate cooperatively in group work.
- Utilize available textbooks, online materials, and resources.
- Reflect regularly on progress and areas for improvement.
- Engage in independent reading or research.
- Embrace a growth mindset and constructive feedback.

School Supports for AP Students

Granada Hills Charter is committed to providing ample support for our AP students. We want you to complete your courses successfully. Granada will provide the following supports for students who face challenges:

- Teachers will answer student questions in class and via email.
- Teachers will maintain a clear agenda, and a clear Canvas Course with resources.
- Teachers will provide timely feedback on assignments and assessments.
- Teachers will be available to discuss student progress and strategies for improvement.

- Granada After Hours Activities (AHA) program provides both tutoring and space to complete work after school.
- Granada provides access to online one on one tutoring services - tutor.com.

Should an AP course become overly challenging and you contemplate dropping it after permanent program day on August 25, evidence of the following must be demonstrated:

- Student-parent meeting with the teacher to discuss student work and support strategies.
- Student steps taken to improve time management and study skills.
- Use of the school-provided supports
- Student-parent meeting with the college counselor to discuss potential long-term impacts of dropping the course.

IMPORTANT:

Please be informed that the student is enrolling in a two (2) semester course, and will not be permitted to drop the course any time after Permanent Program Day in the fall semester. If the student chooses to drop the class after this time, the student will be given a “Drop/Fail” on the transcript and will be placed in a CP (Not Honors) class, if space is available.

Modifications to the class schedule for the spring semester are only possible if the student receives a grade of "D" or "Fail" in an AP class during the preceding fall semester, and receives the necessary approval from the appeals committee.

For any further questions, please contact your student’s counselor.

Sincerely,

Counseling and Instruction Office

Granada Hills Charter