



ADVANCED PLACEMENT INFO & TIMELINE

Advance Placement (AP) courses and exams are offered by the *College Board*, a not-for-profit educational organization. These courses and exams are considered college/university-level and can strengthen a student's college application in the U.S. and elsewhere. They may enable a student to earn college/university credits or skip introductory-level courses, according to each academic institution's policy. AP courses and exams are **optional**; students can elect to take a course, an exam, or both (or neither). Link to more information:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/what-is-ap>

GISNY's Offerings

The German International School of New York has offered two AP exams for many years -- *German Language and Culture*, and *English Literature and Composition*. We offer specific AP English preparation as part of our curriculum. Our Language School offers an AP German prep course. GISNY students must familiarize themselves with the format of the AP German Exam, as it is lengthy and has specific requirements. Our students' results on the AP German exam tend to be very strong (mostly 5's; the top score).

Starting this year, we will designate two of our *Abitur* courses – Mathematics and Biology – as AP courses, as they cover equivalent material. Students who wish to take one of these AP exams would need to prepare on their own, utilizing AP prep books, English language textbooks, reputable web sites (such as [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org), which offers free AP prep), and possibly an AP prep course outside of our school. **AP Exams are rigorous and require motivation and serious preparation.**

AP Course Designation

The GISNY Class of 2027 and beyond will receive the following AP designations on their transcripts:

- 10th grade – AP German (for all students)
- 11th grade – AP Calculus AB (for all students), AP Biology (for all students)
- 11th grade - AP English Literature and Composition (for students who elect to take the AP English Literature and Composition course, which includes at least five hours of English AP instruction per week. The structure of this course will be determined yearly. It may be a five-hour differentiated class, a stand-alone four-hour class with an extra voluntary one-hour prep class, or a four-hour regular English class with a mandatory one-hour AP class.)

Who can help with decisions and logistics?

Within our school, there are several **people who can help students decide** if they would like to take AP courses and/or exams given their strengths, academic interests, and career plans. Many of our students take the German AP Exam in grade 10 or 11. The English Lit. AP is only offered to GISNY students in grade 11. Please feel free to reach out to us regarding the following:

- **Kelsey Melkonian, College Advisor/Counselor:** Transcript/Questions about U.S. college applications (kmelkonian@gisny.org)
- **Sara Kandler, AP Coordinator:** AP Classroom/exam registration/locating exam centers/exam logistics (skandler@gisny.org)
- **Nicola Dibrberg-Bracken, Upper School Coordinator:** Grades/Zeugnisse/adding AP designation to courses (ndbracken@gisny.org)
- **Leslie Hegarty, English Department Head:** AP English candidacy/preparation (lhegarty@gisny.org)
- **Michela Bunn, Language School Director:** German AP exam preparation/registration, logistics (mbunn@gisny.org)

Timeline

SEP./OCT.: Meet with teachers and advisor re: AP Courses and Exams

NOV. 1: Registration forms and exam payment (\$100) are **DUE** (late registration is possible through early March for an additional \$40).

Students register by **selecting "YES" in the Order Exam section of the online AP Classroom** for German and English Literature ONLY.

Students taking any other AP exams **must locate a test center** (please start with your own school district) and **register/pay according to that school's protocol**. AP Course Ledger can help.* See Mrs. Kandler or Mrs. Melkonian for assistance.

SEP. – MAY: Prepare for the AP Exams for which you have registered.

MARCH: **Final deadline for AP Exam registration: EARLY MARCH**

MAY: AP Exam administration: **ENGLISH LIT. is on May 6; GERMAN is on May 13** (there is one make-up date for cases of illness, etc.)

JULY: Scores are released to students.

Helpful Links:

Info on AP Courses & Exams: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses>

For AP 2026 exam schedule: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-dates>

*For AP Course Ledger (testing sites):

- <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-around-the-world/find-schools-that-offer-authorized-ap-courses>