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AP/Honors Program Information



What Does AP Stand For?

- Advanced Placement - a program run by [College Board](#)
- AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- they reflect what is taught in introductory college courses.
- Every AP course has an AP exam or portfolio requirement.
A score of 3 or higher *can* earn a student college credit at some universities.



Why take an AP class?

- Develop academic skills to better prepare for college.
- Dig deeper into subjects that interest them and learn to tap their creativity and problem-solving skills to address course challenges
- Tells college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for college
- 85% of selective universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions



What is the difference between AP and Honors?

- Both are great ways to challenge your student and both look favorable on college applications
- The main difference between the two has to do with **college credit: AP tests provide the chance to receive college credit, it is not a guarantee.**
- Both Honors and AP courses carry potential for weighted GPA



How many AP/Honors classes will count for college credit?

- **UC's & CSU's** limit the GPA bump and you can receive up to **4** classes, with no more than 2 classes from 10th grade.
- You may take additional AP & Honors classes, but the Honors/GPA bump (for UC's and CSU's) will only be applied to 4 classes.



Who can take an AP/Honors class?

- Any student who meets the criteria and is academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses (need B or better in most pre-requisite courses).
- Students looking to apply to 4 year colleges or want the experience of a college level course
- Students willing to commit to a year long class - cannot switch in or out



How many AP/Honors classes can I take?

- **College Park High School recommends a *maximum* of 3 AP/Honors classes in a single year**
 - Time constraints: plan for additional homework and studying time each day
 - Consider extracurricular activities, employment, and other commitments
 - Colleges look at much more than just the number of AP courses



How many AP/Honors classes can I take?

In short, the goal is to challenge and enrich your high school curriculum, not to spread yourself too thin.





Students who enroll in an AP class are expected to:

- Be independent learners, willing to read, learn, ask questions, pursue outside reading and research, integrate and discuss material from diverse sources.
- Meet any prerequisites prior to enrolling in an AP course as outlined in the course catalog.
- Spend a significantly greater amount of time on work outside of class compared to peers in non-AP classes.



What About Pressure and Stress?

What does this mean for you?

- Have an honest conversation about how many AP classes, extracurriculars, hours of employments, etc. that you can fit into a 24 hour day with time set aside for sleep, family time and down time.
- Set hours aside for studying or form a study group
- Protect your sleep! Unplug and turn off the cell phone, or keep it with parents/guardians past 10 pm



Quality over Quantity

It is better to have A's and B's with minimal or no AP/Honors courses rather than overloading schedules with multiple AP/Honors courses and potentially receiving D's and F's.

AP/Honors classes are not required for college admission!



What About AP Exams?

- AP exams are administered nationwide on specific dates and times during the first 2 weeks of May
- Exams are typically 2-3 hours
- Colleges and universities may give credit or advanced placement for *qualifying* AP Exam scores, **NOT** AP course grades.
- AP charges a fee for exams - the current fee is **\$103** per exam
- Students who qualify for a fee reduction pay \$5 per exam (free and reduced lunch program)



AP & Honors level classes offered at College Park

(All require a completed AP/Honors Contract)

- AP Psychology
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP World History
- AP United States History
- AP Art 2D Design
- AP Music Theory
- AP Biology
- French IV (AP)
- French V (Honors)
- Spanish IV (AP)
- Spanish V (Honors)
- German IV (AP)
- German V (Honors)
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- Human Body Systems (Honors)
- Medical Intervention (Honors)
- AP Pre-Calculus (replaces Pre-Calc Honors)
- AP Statistics



AP/Honors Contract

- Students must complete the AP/Honors Contract in order to apply for an AP class.
- Each student applying to one or more AP/Honors courses must fill out the Google Form.
- By submitting this form, it is understood that the parent/guardian and student are agreeing to this contract and the items that it contains. *If this form is not turned in, students can not enroll in an AP/Honors course.*
- All AP/Honors courses are year-long and students are expected to remain in the class for the entire course.



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Where can I find more info about AP courses?

College Park High School website



Counseling/College & Career Tab



2024-2025 Course Cards



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**It is the student's
responsibility to check
the website to find out
about AP/Honors
summer homework
*(if there is any).***



More information about this will be posted to the website and shared out
by the principal at a later date.

AP Class Overview link

This powerpoint will describe each AP/Honors class in detail



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Please check out
College Board's [website](#)
for more information