



How Does a High School AP Class Differ from a Regular Class (assuming the same subject)?

AP classes are meant to be college level courses, so generally they are harder. English, world language, and social studies AP classes require considerably more reading, more essays, and more homework. AP classes in STEM involve some college level equations and concepts that would not be taught in a normal high school class. Most of the time, however, an AP class will be teaching the same concepts as a normal class, just in more depth and with much harder problems to solve.

Regular Academic Classes	Advanced Placement Classes
<p>Teachers tend to provide more direct instruction.</p>	<p>Students must be self-motivated.</p> <p>There is an emphasis on outside reading from college-level texts and primary source documents in AP courses.</p> <p>The teacher’s role is primarily as a facilitator of learning.</p> <p>AP courses typically involve a lot of discussion and are writing intensive.</p>
<p>Homework is assigned regularly and is collected for a grade.</p> <p>Students complete homework generally in order to earn or maintain a grade in addition to reinforcing information covered in class.</p>	<p>The workload is much heavier in AP classes.</p> <p>Students are expected to complete homework assignments on a daily basis and there may be assignments over breaks.</p> <p>The purpose of homework is to reinforce classroom activities and to fill gaps in knowledge. Students are expected to complete this individually.</p> <p>Students may be tested on information not specifically discussed during class time, but was covered in assigned readings.</p>
<p>The course may resemble traditional high school classes.</p>	<p>An AP course may resemble what is seen in university classrooms.</p> <p>Students are provided a college-level text and supplemental readings.</p>
<p>Common Core Standards and Content Standards are adhered to; however, expectations that go beyond these standards may vary depending on the instructor or course.</p>	<p>Students are consistently held to standards of evaluation and achievement that go beyond what is expected from the Common Core and Content Standards. These standards are consistently enforced as a way to prepare students for real-world demands and the demands of a collegiate setting.</p>
<p>No impact on college credit hours</p> <p>Earns 1 high school credit</p> <p>Earns no additional GPA points</p>	<p>If you score a 3.0 or better on your AP exam you may be awarded 3-9 college credit hours (this is determined by each college).</p> <p>Earns 1 high school credit, plus .025 additional GPA points</p> <p>*Students will not be allowed to switch to a non-AP equivalent course, except under extenuating circumstances.</p>