

AP Capstone - is a college-level program with two required courses – AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses complement the skills and knowledge acquired in other AP courses. This is not passive learning. This is active intellectual performance. All student-produced work needs to be completed with academic integrity and self discipline. All assignments created for this course are closely examined for plagiarism and A.I. use.

AP Seminar consists of reading and analyzing scholarly articles, writing research papers using an academic style, presenting professionally in small groups, presenting professionally as an individual, and completing in-class timed writes.

AP Seminar seeks students who are willing to increase their skills at being:

- Discerning readers of scholarly texts
- Careful writers who convey clearly in an academic style their own ideas and the ideas of others
- Logical thinkers
- Public presenters of academic arguments

Common Attributes of Successful AP Seminar Students:

- Conscientious
- Steady Workers
- Able to manage their schedules
- Able to work well in a group setting

Weekly Commitment:

- Many weeks will require approximately 3 hours outside of class per week
- When assignments are due, the requirement is likely 10+ hours outside of class per week.

Skills to Gain/Tasks to Complete:

Fall Semester:

- Read a high-level opinion-editorial article for argument, claims, evidence, line of reasoning, and relevance and credibility of evidence
- Apply the skills above to a multitude of scholarly articles
- Formulate research questions
- Compose a multitude of annotated bibliographies based on scholarly articles
- Compose an Individual Research Report consisting of approximately 1,320 words
- Deliver a Team Multimedia Presentation with a group of peers
- In-class timed writes that establish a thematic connection among articles and argue a perspective
- Compose a complex argumentative essay consisting of approximately 2,200 words in length
- Deliver an Individual Multimedia Presentation and address two oral defense questions

Spring Semester:

- Students repeat these tasks independently, demonstrating true academic ownership and mastery.

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AP Research requires students to complete a summer assignment so they come to class in August ready to launch their research study. The course helps students prepare for their AP assessment - an academic paper 4,000 - 5,000 words in length, and a public presentation in front of a panel of professionals who will ask questions in an oral defense of your research, similar to what you will experience in college.

AP Research seeks students who are willing to increase their skills as:

- Critical readers of scholarly texts including technical books and professional articles
- Competent writers who clearly & effectively communicate their new learning to a wide audience
- Thinkers capable of complex thought including the future implications of their research
- Students who are self-directed and are capable of designing their own learning, planning, and completion of their study without a teacher or parent following up on them
- Expansive learners who think transdisciplinarily, incorporating systems modeling, foresight, design planning, and integral thinking.

Weekly Commitment:

- Many weeks will require approximately five (5) hours outside of class per week
- During some weeks, the requirement is likely ten or more (10+) hours outside of class per week.
- All writing for Academic Paper and Presentation/Oral Defense is completed in-class with specific requirements and instructions which are mandatory and to be followed precisely.

Example Assignments/Tasks to Complete:

Fall Semester:

- Summer Preparation
- Weekly Research Project Reflections
- Development of Body of Knowledge (read over 50 professional journal articles on your research topic, annotated bibliography including at least 20 of these articles)
- Drafts and revisions of Literature Review, Methods Section, Research Proposal, and Institutional Review Board application

Spring Semester

- Research data gathering
- Weekly Research Project Reflections
- Drafts and revisions of Findings documentation, Analysis, Conclusion, Presentation and Oral Defense, Research Poster, revisions of Academic Paper