

AP SEMINAR

**Get ready for anything by building skills critical for
success in all majors and careers.**

ABOUT AP SEMINAR (COLLEGE BOARD)

- **Transferable Skills:** students learn essential skills they can use in high school, college, and future jobs.
- **Student autonomy:** students choose their own topics to study while they learn and build research skills, including investigation, collaboration, writing, and presentation.
- **No prerequisites:** Most students in Honors English I will take AP Seminar, but it can be taken by any student.
- **Future Success:** Taking just One AP course can improve students' first year GPA and on-time college graduation rates

AP Seminar students engage in conversations about complex real-world issues through a variety of lenses, considering multiple perspectives.

Analyzing topics through multiple lenses helps students gain a rich appreciation for the complexity of important issues.

- Cultural and Social
- Artistic and Philosophical
- Political and Historical
- Environmental
- Economic
- Scientific
- Futuristic
- Ethical

COURSE CONTENT

“AP Seminar was much more student-led. Many classes were spent working within teams as well as collaborating with others. Several classes were spent on soft skills such as presentation and communication, which I’ve found to be very helpful in my everyday life.”

Mia–AP Seminar Student

QUEST FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESS

- **Q**uestion and Explore
- **U**nderstand and Analyze Arguments
- **E**valuate Multiple Perspectives
- **S**ynthesize Ideas
- **T**eam, Transform, and Transmit



ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

PERFORMANCE TASK 1 (20% OF AP SCORE)

- Individual Research Report (lens)
- Team Multimedia Presentation and Oral Defense Questions

PERFORMANCE TASK 2 (35% OF AP SCORE)

- Individual Written Argument
- Individual Multimedia Presentation and Oral Defense Questions

AP SEMINAR EXAM (45% OF AP SCORE)

- Understanding and analyzing an argument (3 short-answer questions)–30 minutes
- Synthesizing information to develop an evidence based argument–90 minutes

PERFORMANCE TASK 1(20% OF AP SCORE)

IRR (Individual Research Report):

1200 words (1080–1320–Hard Cap)–Due early February

- **Purpose:** explore a team-chosen topic through a specific lens and report on findings
- 10 plus sources (Depends on the tiers)
- Checkpoint: Required scheduled meetings for students to discuss research and teacher to attest to their work.

TMP (3-4 group members working on same topic):

8–10 minute Presentations (Solutions based)–Due mid-February

- **Purpose:** Show how individual research connects to a unified team argument
- Proposed, evidence based solution to group's research question
- 1 untimed oral discussion question per team member

PERFORMANCE TASK 2 (35% OF AP SCORE)

IWA (Individual Written Argument):

2000 words (1800–2200–Hard Cap)–Due early April

- **Purpose:** Students find a unifying theme from College Board stimulus packet and craft a unique research question to propel their research.
- Stimulus Packet: Released in January
- 15 plus sources (Depends on the tiers)
- Checkpoint: Required scheduled meetings for students to discuss research and teacher to attest to their work.

IMP (Individual Multimedia Presentation):

6–8 minute Presentation–Due mid–April

- **Purpose:** Students deliver an evidence-based research presentation on their IWA.
- Proposed, evidence based solution to chosen topic
- 2 untimed oral discussion questions per person

AP TEST (45% OF AP SCORE)

End of Course Part A:

- **Purpose:** Read one source and answer 3 questions.
 - Identify the argument
 - Analyze evidence
 - Evaluate effectiveness of argument
- Approximately 30 minutes to work on this section

End of Course Part B:

- **Purpose:** Read provided sources then write an evidence-based argument that synthesizes the provided sources.
- Connect argument to the provided sources
- Approximately 90 minutes to work on this section

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AP Score	% of Exams
5	10%
4	19%
3	57%
2	12%
1	2%



AP SEMINAR SCORES

QUALIFYING SCORE CUT OFF

A top-down view of a desk with various items: a laptop, a cup of coffee, a pen, glasses, paper clips, and a plant.

**THANK YOU
ANY
QUESTIONS?**