

# AP Course Information

## Advanced Placement Program

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What are AP classes?</b></p> <p>Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses taken in high school. A national exam is given in May of each year and scored on a 1 to 5 scale. A score of a 3, 4 or 5 is considered passing and leads to college credit in most all 4-year colleges and universities. There are 39 different AP courses available to high school students.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What are AP exams?</b></p> <p>AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates each May. Exams usually last around three hours. Each AP Exam usually consists of multiple-choice questions and free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response).</p>
<b>Why should I consider taking an AP class and an AP exam?</b>	
<p><b>Reason #1: College Credit</b></p> <p>Almost all two- and four-year colleges and universities in the United States offer credit <u>and/or</u> advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores.</p> <p><u>Credit</u>: Students earn credit toward their college degrees.</p> <p><u>Advanced placement</u>: Students can skip introductory courses and move directly into higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.</p>	<p>Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is available at: <a href="https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies">https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AP Credit Policy Search</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. Begin your search by entering the name of the institution below. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, be sure to check the institution's website.</small></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"><p style="text-align: center;"><small>Find a college's credit policy</small></p><p style="text-align: center;"><small>Please enter at least two characters to view a preliminary list of matches. Click Search to see a complete list of results. The number in parentheses is the school's College Board code.</small></p><p style="text-align: center;"><input type="text" value="Enter college name or 4-digit code"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/></p></div>
<p><b>Reason #2: Increased College Success</b></p> <p>A recent study* showed that students who earned a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam had higher first-year college grade point averages and were more likely to return for the second year of college than non-AP students of similar ability.</p>	<p><b>Reason #3: Save Money</b></p> <p>Students who take five years or more to graduate can spend \$8,000 to \$27,000 for each additional year in college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The typical college cost per year for a four-year public institution is \$8,142 for in-state students and \$19,670 for out-of-state students.*</li><li>• Students attending private institutions might expect to incur \$27,389 for each additional year it takes to earn a bachelor's degree.*</li></ul>
<p><b>How do I register for an AP exam?</b> AP Exam fee is \$98 per exam. <b>Deadline is November 3.</b></p> <p><b>Step 1: Use a Join Code from your teacher to sign up online (myap.collegeboard.org)</b></p> <p><b>Step 2: Pick up a registration form at your school, fill it out, and return it to your school bookkeeper.</b></p> <p><i>Do you qualify for a textbook exemption?</i> If you qualify for a textbook exemption, you can take the AP exam for free due to a fee reduction from the College Board and a grant.</p>	<p><b>How do I find out my AP exam scores?</b> AP exams are taken in May and graded in June. Scores are reported online in July.</p> <p>AP exam scores are uploaded into Infinite Campus, so you always have access to your assessment information.</p> <p>AP Exam scores are <b>NOT</b> a part of your school transcript.</p> <p>Unlike the ACT and SAT exam scores which are automatically reported to colleges and universities, <u>you decide</u> if and when you choose to report your AP exam score(s) to colleges and universities.</p>