

## What Is the Advanced Placement Program?

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program allows students to take rigorous college level courses while still in high school. Students may earn college credit and/or advanced placement into upper level college courses by taking AP exams. Many colleges and universities recognize AP courses when making admissions decisions.

## AP Courses

Thirty-four AP courses in art, English, mathematics, music, science, social studies, and world languages are currently available. Each AP course covers the curriculum found in corresponding college courses. (See list in this brochure.)

## AP Exams and College Credit

Each AP course has a corresponding assessment through which students may earn college credit. Participating high schools administer the AP exams each May according to a specific schedule. All AP course exams, except those in studio art, contain multiple-choice questions and a freeresponse section (either essay or problem solving). Studio art courses have portfolio assessments.

## Do students have to pay to take the test?

Students pay $\$ 94.00$ per exam. However, qualifying low-income students may receive a fee reduction which allows them to pay less than the full amount. Students should communicate with their school counselor or AP coordinator about the fee reduction program.

## Is the AP test mandatory?

No, the College Board does not mandate that all students take exams. However, most students enrolled in AP classes do take the exams in order to earn college credit/advanced placement in college courses or both.

## Advanced Placement Courses

| AP Capstone | STEM |
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| Research | Biology |

Seminar

## Arts

Art History
Music Theory
Studio Art Drawing
Studio Art 2-D Design
Studio Art 3-D Design

## English

English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
History and Social Sciences
Comparative Government and Politics
European History
Human Geography
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Psychology
United States Government and Politics
United State History
World History

## How many colleges accept AP grades?

Most colleges and universities in the U.S. have an Advanced Placement policy granting incoming students credit and/or placement for qualifying AP exam grades. Some institutions grant up to a full year of college credit (sophomore standing) to students who earn a sufficient number of qualifying AP grades. For information on colleges in Washington State granting college credit for AP exams, visit the Washington Student Achievement Council at: http://www.wsac.wa.gov/node/364. For colleges and universities outside of Washington State, contact each school directly to access their individual policy.

## STEM

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics 2
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism Physics C: Mechanics Statistics

## World Languages

Chinese Language and Culture
French Language and Culture
German Language and Culture
Italian Language and Culture Japanese Language and Culture Latin
Spanish Language and Culture
Spanish Literature and Culture

