

What is the Advanced Placement (AP) Program?

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program of college-level courses and exams that gives high school students the opportunity to receive advanced placement and/or credit in college.

What are AP courses?

AP courses are introductory college courses, so they are not easy, but neither are they impossibly difficult. An AP course will be more demanding than a regular high school course. They often require more time and work, but the AP courses give you greater depth. A student should realize that taking an AP class is a serious commitment. Students should give careful thought to which and how many AP courses to take in one year and clearly understand course requirements and expectations.

Why should I take an AP course?

The AP Program gives students a chance to try college-level work in high school and gain valuable study habits. Students earn a “qualifying” grade on an AP exam. There are thousands of colleges world-wide that will give them credit or advanced placement for their efforts.

What is the benefit of the AP Exam?

Satisfactory grades on AP examinations offer many benefits which may enhance your applications for college admissions, placement, and scholarships. You may also receive college credit based on your AP scores.

AP exams are administered each year in May. An exam contains both multiple-choice and free-response questions that require essay writing, problem solving, and other skills. Every examination receives an overall grade on a five-point scale.

Scale:

5- Extremely well-qualified

4- Well-qualified

3- Qualified

2- Possibly qualified

1- No recommendation