

# Why AP?

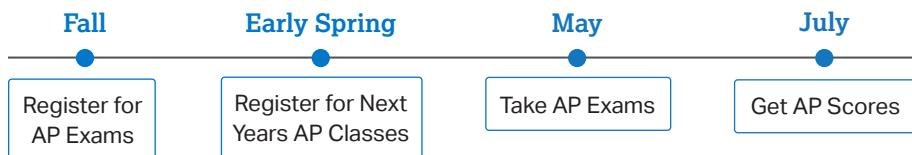
DEVELOP SKILLS THAT WILL HELP YOU SUCCEED NOW AND LATER



## What is AP?

The AP Program offers college-level courses and exams that you can take in high school. Taking AP helps you stand out to colleges and gives you the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both. From computer science to art, history to world languages, there are AP courses to match the interests of every student.

AP is for any student who is academically ready for a challenge and is willing to put in the work. Talk with your school counselor or teachers to help you decide if AP is right for you.



## Why AP?

Research shows that students who take AP classes are better prepared for college than students who don't take AP, regardless of their exam score. They're more likely to enroll and stay in college, do well in their classes, and graduate in four years.

### Taking AP can help you:



Boost your GPA. Most high schools offer a boost to students that take AP. Check with your school for more information.



Get familiar with college-level work—and increase your confidence by tackling it in high school.



Develop the skills necessary to succeed in high school, college and beyond like, time management, critical thinking, and scholarly writing.



Discover your major or career field by studying a subject in depth. Studying a subject in detail could ignite your passions and even put you a career path.



Save time and money by earning a qualifying score on your AP Exam for college credit. Earning credit or placement can open up time on your schedule or even let you graduate early.



**“By taking AP I gained valuable skills, content knowledge, and some college credit. I learned how to manage my time and start the transition to collegiate level education in smaller chunks while still in high school.”**

LAUREN, AP ALUM



## Facts About AP

- 1 The average college course at an in-state public university costs **\$1,100\***. For a public out-of-state university the average course is **\$2,700**. By completing an AP Exam and potentially earning college credit, you could save thousands of dollars on college tuition depending on where you enroll.
- 2 Of the thousands of colleges and universities surveyed, **over 99%** confirmed that they have an AP credit and placement policy in place. Use the AP Credit Policy Search tool to learn if the schools you're interested in accept AP scores for credit.
- 3 **3 out of 4** AP students enrolled in a four-year college start school with some AP credit.
- 4 Students who achieve exam scores of a **1 or 2** are still more likely to attend college and graduate on time (than academically similar students who do not take AP).
- 5 **Over one million** 9th and 10th graders took AP courses during the 2022-23 school year.
- 6 **3 in 5** students said their AP experience influenced their plans to major in a particular subject.
- 7 Most AP courses **do not** have required prerequisites. Some AP classes have recommended courses to take first—check the specific course page for that information. Your high school may also have requirements for specific AP courses.

\*Estimate based on 2022-23 average tuition and fees at public four-year institutions, according to the College Board report Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2022.

## We're Here to Help

Whether you're a veteran AP student, or a taking a course for the first time, these free resources can help you stay on track throughout the year.

### AP Classroom

AP Classroom is an online platform where you'll have access to free practice resources and instructional videos for every topic and skill that will be covered in your course and assessed on the AP Exam. Included in AP Classroom are AP Daily videos, these short videos created by experienced AP teachers help build your knowledge of course content and skills across units. They can be viewed at any time, on any device with internet access.

### AP Blog

The AP section of the College Board Student Blog features short articles that can help you learn more about AP courses and exams. Learn more about AP courses and their benefits, access free resources to help you stay on track during the year and learn what to expect when taking your first AP Exam. Visit the blog at [blog.collegeboard.org](https://blog.collegeboard.org) to read more.

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**“Taking AP Exams helped me save money and gain the skills I needed to prepare for college. I didn’t have to take as many introductory courses. Providing my parents with less of a financial burden was definitely helpful.”**

KAYLA, AP ALUM



**“My favorite resource was AP Daily videos because they broke down each section of the class and went into detail about each topic.”**

BRIAN, AP ALUM