

AP® African American Studies

Clarifications and Corrections

About the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®)

The Advanced Placement Program® has enabled millions of students to take college-level courses and earn college credit, advanced placement, or both, while still in high school. AP Exams are given each year in May. Students who earn a qualifying score on an AP Exam are typically eligible, in college, to receive credit, placement into advanced courses, or both. Every aspect of AP course and exam development is the result of collaboration between AP teachers and college faculty. They work together to develop AP courses and exams, set scoring standards, and score the exams. College faculty review every AP teacher's course syllabus. We commit to support educators and communities in their efforts to make AP courses widely available, advancing students in their plans for college and careers.

Course and Exam Description Clarifications and Corrections

Implemented as of August 2025

- In the Course and Exam Description front matter, the “About AP” section was updated to include career preparation alongside college preparation as anchors of the AP Program. The Advanced Placement Program is committed to expanding the invitation to students to challenge themselves with college-level coursework and career preparation.
- In Topic 3.3, credit lines were updated for required sources “Juvenile Convicts at Work in the Fields, 1903” and “Picture Postcard of a North Carolina Convict Camp, Circa 1910.”
- In Topic 4.8, a broken hyperlink was replaced for required source “Can’t Turn Me Around” (video, 3:18).
- In Topic 4.9, a new source note was added.
- In the “Exam Information” section (pp. 403–433), a new Exam Day Validation Question and accompanying Scoring Guideline were added to the Sample Exam Questions.
- In the “Exam Information” section (pp. 403–433), skill, learning objective, and essential knowledge alignments were updated in both the Multiple Choice and Free Response tables.
- Throughout the CED, the term “AP Daily Video” was updated to the new title “AP Video.”

Forthcoming

- Many optional resources currently linked in the “Available Resources” callouts in the Course and Exam Description (CED) have been moved from AP Central to AP Classroom or the Online Teacher Community with some older, non-aligned resources removed. The URLs in the CEDs point to AP Central and are thus inoperable. These links in the published CEDs will be updated by summer 2026 with URLs that link to their new location in AP Classroom or the OTC.
- In the summer of 2026, the Course and Exam Description will be updated to reflect revised language around the Progress Checks that appear in AP Classroom. Specifically, the language will be updated as follows: “Progress Checks are now available and editable in the Question Bank. Teachers may use all resources within AP Classroom as they think best, subject to not sharing such materials (digitally or in print) with anyone other than their own students or other authorized educators and not permitting students to remove secure Practice Exam questions from the classroom. Also, AP Classroom materials may not be uploaded to any other platform or website.”