

AP[®] English Language Course and Exam Description

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.

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- 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 the “Speeches” section of the Course and Exam Description, the list of speechmakers has been updated with speakers who have appeared on recent AP exams and who represent a range of political backgrounds.
- Examples of specific authors and texts have been removed because the discipline is vast, and valuable written, spoken, and visual rhetoric is always being created. There should be no implication that any texts, authors, or speakers are better suited for study than others. There are many excellent texts, both historical and contemporary, that support the critical reading and analysis required for this course.

Forthcoming

- There are no forthcoming clarifications or corrections for the AP English Language Course and Exam Description.