AP® Physics 1

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 October 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.
- Sample Free-Response Question #1 (Mathematical Routines) on pp. 193-194 was adjusted to more closely align to the format used in the Bluebook testing application. Specifically, checkboxes in free-response questions have been replaced with bulleted lists to better support students using accessibility tools.
- Sample Free-Response Question #3 (Experimental Design and Analysis) on pp. 196-198 was revised as was the corresponding scoring guideline found on pp. 206-207. Specifically, part A has been split into part A (i) and Part A (ii), part B has been split into part B (i) and part B (ii) and part C has been streamlined. These changes are designed to provide clearer scaffolding for student response and improve scoring consistency.

Forthcoming

- There are no forthcoming clarifications or corrections for the AP Physics 1 Course and Exam Description.