



AP: Basics and Benefits

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Welcome

Welcome to this session.

- What are Advanced Placement courses?
- Why do I need to know about them?
- Will my students benefit from taking AP classes?
- Is AP the right choice for all students?
- Are AP students required to take AP exams?

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What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

AP[®] Courses Schools May Teach

- **AP Capstone:** AP Seminar, AP Research
- **Arts:** Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Comparative Government and Politics, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Physics 2: Algebra-based, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World languages:** Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Italian Language and Culture, Japanese Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture

What are students saying about AP?

AP[®]: The Benefits

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- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college



More Reasons to Consider AP

- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.*
Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.
- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board, 2008*

***The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1*

AP[®] Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



AP[®]: A More Engaging Learning Experience

AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

AP[®] Exams

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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:

- Multiple-choice questions
- Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions, and oral response



AP[®] Exam Fees

Test Fee Assistance for Students in Need

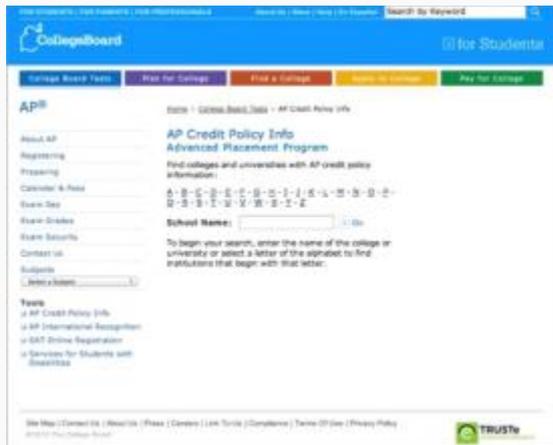
AP Exam	\$91
College Board Rebate	- 29
School Rebate	- 9
OSDE Exam Fee Assistance	- 43
Student pays	\$10 (or \$19 w/o school rebate)

Test Fee Assistance for Students Who Take Multiple Exams

AP Exam	\$91
School Rebate	- 9
OSDE Exam Fee Assistance	-25
Student pays	\$57 (or \$66 w/o school rebate)

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

What is it like to take AP[®]?

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically. Plus, many high schools take into account the rigorous nature of AP and weight classes.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart™
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

Opportunities in Oklahoma

AP Grants

- First Time Materials and Equipment Grants - \$5000
- Second Time Materials and Equipment Grants - \$5000
- Vertical Team Grants - \$25,000
- Training Grants - \$25,000

AP Training

Advanced Placement Summer Institutes

- University of Tulsa– June 22-25, July 6-9, July 13-16
- University of Oklahoma – July 13-16

Fall & Spring AP/Pre-AP Training 2015-16

- 1-Day workshops in October and March

Questions and Answers

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