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The Advanced Placement Program® (AP®)

The Advanced Placement Program® is a rigorous academic program administered by secondary schools worldwide to give motivated students like you the opportunity to take university-level courses while still in secondary school. AP® courses help you stand out in the university admission process, and AP Exams offer the opportunity to earn university credit, advanced placement or both.

Taking AP courses and the standardized, end-of-course AP Exams sends a powerful message to universities around the world that you are willing to accept academic challenges. In an AP classroom, the focus is not on memorizing facts and figures. Instead, you will engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, think critically and creatively, approach key topics from multiple perspectives and learn to write clearly and persuasively — all skills you'll need to succeed at a university and in the 21st-century world.

In 2011, nearly two million students at 18,000 schools in 115 countries took more than 3.4 million AP Exams, and sent scores to 3,600 universities in more than 60 countries.



Facts About AP

Studies consistently show that students who take an AP course and who receive a score of 3 or higher (on a scale from 1–5) on an AP Exam usually have greater academic success at a university and higher university graduation rates than their non-AP peers.

- AP Exams assess concepts and skills necessary for success at the university level.
- Students can take and benefit from just one individual AP course or from multiple AP courses and exams.
- Internationally mobile students can take AP courses and exams at schools and test centers around the world.

“AP classes were another way to expand on my love of learning and have a better understanding for different subjects and really push myself even more.”

— *Julia Watkins, Davidson College*

“One of the best standard predictors of academic success at Harvard is performance on Advanced Placement® Examinations.”

— *William R. Fitzsimmons, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Harvard University*



AP Courses and Exams

While the AP Program offers 34 AP courses and exams, individual schools and testing centers determine which subjects to offer. Below is a list of AP Exam offerings in India.

ARTS	HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	SCIENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparative Government and Politics• European History• Human Geography• Macroeconomics• Microeconomics• Psychology• United States Government and Politics• United States History• World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology• Chemistry• Environmental Science• Physics B• Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism• Physics C: Mechanics
ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE	WORLD LANGUAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Language and Composition• English Literature and Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calculus AB• Calculus BC• Computer Science A• Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latin• Spanish Literature and Culture
<p>You can download Course Descriptions for each subject at www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/subjects.html</p>		

What's the difference between AP and university-prep or honors courses?

Many schools have created valuable honors courses for their students, but AP courses and exams are aligned with and equivalent to core introductory courses at universities. Unlike most university-prep and honors courses, university faculty participate in the scoring of the standardized exam students take at the end of the AP course, helping verify that students have mastered university-level content and skills.

Who designs the AP courses and exams?

AP courses and exams are developed by committees of American and international university professors who work alongside expert secondary school teachers. The AP committees are composed of leaders in their fields who bring cutting-edge content knowledge and expert teaching practices to the development of AP courses. AP committee members currently teach at dozens of America's top colleges and universities, including:

- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Northwestern University
- Swarthmore College
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- Williams College



"AP students transition very well into the English education system because they're used to this style of teaching and assessment."

— Geraint Fox,
Head of Student
Recruitment, Admissions
and International,
Goldsmiths,
University of London

"A high score on an AP test is indicative that you're going to succeed at the college level. AP is a rigorous, intellectually rich course. It does approximate the best of what is going on in colleges."

— Owen Astrachan,
Professor of the Practice
of Computer Science,
Duke University

Why Choose AP?

AP offers many benefits: It helps you stand out in the university admission process, enables you to earn university credit and placement and saves you time and money.

What can I do with university credit or placement?

Increase your options

University credit or placement can allow you to move into upper-level courses sooner, have the flexibility to earn a double major or a combined B.A./M.A. program, and gain time to study and travel abroad or complete an internship.

“The AP program enabled me to graduate from college early, saving me time and tuition. More importantly, it endowed me with an exceptional academic foundation and prepared me for collegiate as well as professional challenges.”

— Priyank Mathur, American Embassy School, New Delhi ('04) and Boston University ('07)

Save money

If you earn a qualifying score on an AP Exam, you can receive credit for the equivalent course at thousands of colleges and universities. With tuition at prestigious U.S. universities around \$40,000 per year, and with exchange rates continuing to fluctuate, think of what you could save by using AP credits to make sure you graduate on time. Many students and parents appreciate the value of AP in making an overseas education more affordable.

What's the difference between credit and placement?

Colleges and universities determine their own policies regarding AP Exam scores:

- Some award “credit” for qualifying AP Exam scores. This means you actually earn points toward your university degree.
- Others award advanced placement. This means you can skip introductory courses, enter higher-level classes and/or fulfill general education requirements.

Many colleges and universities offer both credit and placement. Depending on the institution, students can use qualifying AP Exam scores to:

- Graduate in three or three-and-a-half years;
- Enter upper-level courses; and
- Fulfill a foreign language requirement.

Why should I take the AP Exam if I'm not looking to earn credit or placement?

Even if earning university credit or placement isn't your goal, you can still benefit from taking the AP Exams.

Stand out in the admission process

Everyone wants to get into the university of their choice. Those who make it take the most challenging courses. AP Exams provide universities with additional information about your ability to succeed in university-level study.

Earn academic scholarships or awards

Some of the most competitive scholarship awards consider your AP Exam scores. Many universities also use AP Exam scores to place students into honors classes.

The AP Program offers several AP Scholar Awards to recognize students who have demonstrated university-level achievement through AP courses and exams. For more information, visit:

www.collegeboard.org/apscholar

"[AP] really gave me a leg up, not only with my mental preparation for my classes but ... I was already able to be eligible for priority registration and various other perks that my peers were not able to enjoy."

— Vrushab Gowda, *The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Experience a university-level test

The intensity of university exams catches far too many first-year students by surprise. Regardless of the score you achieve, the experience of preparing for and taking the AP Exams will put you a step ahead, and give you a clear understanding of what you need to succeed on a university exam.

What if my AP Exam scores do not qualify for credit or placement?

Universities consider your overall AP experience, not just exam scores. Universities will look at AP courses on your transcript when evaluating your admission application and deciding on scholarships and awards. Plus, the experience you gain from taking a university-level course taught in English in secondary school will help you adjust more quickly and with less stress when you begin university — especially if you plan to study outside your country.

"We find that students who take AP Exams and Courses are better prepared for university."

— Gillian Gardner,
Study Abroad Officer
and Former Student
Recruitment and
Admissions Director,
St. Andrew's University

Respected and Recognized Worldwide

AP is recognized as a highly desirable academic credential internationally. More than 600 universities in more than 60 countries outside the United States recognize AP for credit, placement and/or admission purposes.

So, regardless of whether you take an AP Exam in California, Canada or Chennai, in the eyes of an experienced admission officer or university faculty, success on an AP Exam and strong AP course grades demonstrate mastery of university-level concepts and skills within a particular discipline.

- In Canada, every university grants advanced placement and/or credit for AP scores.
- In the United Kingdom, most institutions utilize AP in admissions (including Oxford, Cambridge and The London School of Economics).
- In the U.S., most four-year colleges and universities grant advanced placement, credit or both for successful scores on AP Exams, and 85 percent of selective institutions report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.

How can I find universities that recognize AP and their AP policies?

- To check AP policies at U.S. colleges and universities, visit www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy
- To check AP policies at universities outside the U.S., visit www.collegeboard.org/apintl

The AP International Diploma (APID) is a globally recognized credential for students interested in international studies who display exceptional achievement on AP Exams across several disciplines. For more information, see www.collegeboard.org/apid.

How Do I Enroll in AP Courses?

You should talk to an AP teacher, a school counselor, or the AP Coordinator at your school about the courses you want to take, the course workload and any preparation you might need for these university-level courses.

AP Testing Options in India

The College Board works with schools and test centers throughout India to securely administer AP Exams. Testing centers are currently located in Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune, and more cities may be added in the future.

Testing is open to all eligible students, including those not currently enrolled in an AP course. While it's not mandatory, we strongly encourage students to complete the related AP courses before taking the exams.

Registration for AP Exams typically runs from February through March, and exams are administered in May. AP score reports are sent in July to you, your designated secondary school and the college or university you designate on your answer sheet. Scores are reported on a 5-point scale.

For information regarding AP Exam fees, eligibility and registration instructions, visit the AP India Exam Registration page at www.collegeboard.org/ap-india.

"The AP curriculum mirrors a college curriculum; you're learning the same amount of course work, the same level of difficulty on the exams, receiving a college education at a high school level, which really helped me gain a better understanding of what I should expect going on to higher education."

— Reshma Erukulla,
Rutgers University

Contact AP

To learn more about AP and to find AP resources:

<http://international.collegeboard.org/programs/advanced-placement>

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