

Conversation Starter

Learn more about AP[®] courses and prepare to talk to your counselor or teacher.



Explore

There are many reasons to take an AP® course—visit [exploreap.org](https://www.collegeboard.org/apcentral/exploreap) to learn about them.

If you took the PSAT/NMSQT® or the SAT®, visit studentscores.collegeboard.org to see which AP classes may be a good fit for you and write them below:

Answer these questions to get a better sense of which AP course you might be interested in:

Which courses/subjects do you enjoy most?

What college majors are you considering?

In which subjects do you do well?

What careers excite you?

Discuss

Schedule a meeting to talk with your counselor or teacher and discuss your answers from the **Explore** section. During your conversation, answer the following questions together:

What AP courses does our school offer?

What can I do next to prepare for AP?

Have students like me taken AP?

Will the class be too advanced for me?

Are there AP courses offered that I am likely to do well in?

Are there study groups or people who can help me if I need it?

Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or help me prepare for college and a career?

What is the cost of taking the AP Exam? Is there help with payment?

Does our school weight AP grades in our GPAs? How?

What information should I share with my parents/guardians?

Enroll

Once you've decided whether AP is right for you, ask your counselor or teachers to help you fill in the following information:

The AP course enrollment time period at my school is:

My school's enrollment requirements for AP are:

After you have all the necessary information, enroll in the AP course(s) that make the most sense for you.

I plan on enrolling in these AP course(s):

Offering more than 30 courses, the College Board's Advanced Placement Program® enables students to pursue college-level studies—with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—while still in high school.