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### **How many AP exams can I take? How many exams do students usually take?**

Colleges look to see that students have taken the most challenging courses available to them. You may take as many AP exams as you are prepared for each year. The average student takes 3 exams over their high school/secondary school career, although there are certainly students who take more.

### **Can I take both Calculus AB and BC?**

The difference between AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC is one of scope and not level of difficulty. Calculus BC is an extension of AB. Each course is challenging and demanding and requires a similar depth of understanding of common topics. AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC were designed to represent

year-long college courses, so it is not recommended that you take both Calculus AB and Calculus BC courses within the same year.

**Regarding the exam: you are not permitted to take both the Calculus AB and Calculus BC exams within the same year.** Also, you may not take the same AP exam more than once in the same year; however, you may repeat an exam in a subsequent year. In such cases, both scores will be reported unless you request that one be withheld or cancelled.

### **Can I take both Physics 1 and Physics 2 exams? Can I take all four Physics exams?**

Yes, students can take Physics 1 and Physics 2, as well as one or both of the Physics C exams, in the same year. For more frequently asked questions about the new AP Physics courses and exams, please view the special FAQ resource online:

[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/members/exam/exam\\_information/225589.html](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/members/exam/exam_information/225589.html)

### **I am enrolled in the IBDP. Should I still take AP exams? Is AP more beneficial than IB?**

Different colleges have different policies about AP and IB in terms of admissions, credit and placement out of introductory courses. AP and IB are both high quality programs and are viewed by colleges and universities as having value for admissions. AP offers over 30 courses and exams, each designed to correspond to an introductory-level college course. You have the flexibility to take just one or as many AP courses and exams that interest you.

AP Exams provide students with a standardized measure of their readiness for placement into a college course beyond the typical freshman course in a discipline. Exams are evaluated by college and university professors and AP teachers using college-level standards. Most colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada grant credit and placement for qualifying AP scores; moreover, universities in more than 60 other countries recognize AP in the admission process. You can save money and get a head start on your degree when you enter college with credit you've already earned through AP.

### **Is there an alternative testing schedule for AP which isn't in May?**

All students around the world take the standardized AP Exams in during the first two weeks of May, as a culmination of their AP courses during the school year. A 3-day late testing period in the third week of May is available for eligible students, although it is for each school or test center to decide whether to offer late testing or not. Please contact College Board's India Representative Lisa Jain ([ljain-nonemp@collegeboard.org](mailto:ljain-nonemp@collegeboard.org)) to see if you are eligible for late testing and which test centers are offering this option.

### **My school does not offer AP. How do I prepare for the exams?**

The best preparation for an AP Exam is an authorized AP course at your school. If your school does not offer AP, you may wish to explore the option to take an AP class online, which resembles a year-long AP class you would take at your school, except it is offered virtually by a third party provider. To locate authorized AP online providers, you and your school counsellor may search by keyword "online" via the AP Course Ledger (<https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/>).

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Another option is to prepare for AP Exams on your own via self-study. You can take an AP Exam without taking the AP Course.

- a) We recommend getting familiar with the course material and exam format by reviewing the detailed information for each at AP Courses.
- b) Review the course description and try the sample questions from prior exams available for each subject, available for free on the Exam Practice page. Depending on the subject, you should also review the exam practice tips and calculator policy if one applies. For the science exams, you'll want to have access to a lab where you can practice lab work in preparation for the exam questions, which are based on experiences and skills that students acquire in the lab.

### AP Course Descriptions:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

- c) For complete exams and additional resources, check the College Board Store for AP materials available.

## Which online course providers should I use?

AP provides the AP Course Ledger (<https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/>), a public list of AP-authorized online providers that offer courses that meet AP curricular and resource requirements. Search the list by keyword (“online”) to explore the many online providers that offer the subject(s) you wish to take.

## Where can I find AP text books?

AP courses use college-level textbooks and AP provides teachers with general guidelines for selecting textbooks in the course description, as well as an **Example Textbook List**. To view, go to **AP Course Audit Resources for Teachers** (<http://www.collegeboard.com/html/apcourseaudit/teacher.html>), select a course at the bottom of the page, and look under the “Preparing Your Syllabus” section for the “Example Textbook List” document).

Students in India may contact **United States-India Educational Foundation** (<http://www.usief.org.in/>) for guidance on this topic as well as inquire about usage of their AP resource library across their centers.

Some students opt to search on Advanced Placement textbook via online seller websites such as **flipkart** (India) or **Amazon.in**.

## Can I use something other than my passport to register for AP exams?

Test centers will require that you have a valid government-issued photo ID such as your valid passport or Aadhaar Card at the time of registration and also for admissions on exam day. We urge all students interested in AP to begin the process to obtain or renew a passport months in advance of the annual AP Exam registration deadline in late March. Also be sure to allow plenty of time before the exam dates if you will need to submit your valid passport to a consulate to obtain a visa. If for any reason, you cannot provide a valid government-issued ID, it is up to the authorized test center to allow you to register with an alternate form of ID (for example a school-issued photo ID), which you must also bring on exam day.

## **Where can I check the AP credit policies of colleges?**

What sets an AP Exam apart is that you could potentially earn university credit and/or advanced placement, which means you could skip an introductory-level university course or earn enough credits to start at a higher-level course for that subject. However, many students find that preparation for an AP Exam helps them once they're at university, even if they don't earn credit or placement.

Visit the **Credit and Placement** page to understand the value of earning AP credit and/or placement. <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement>

Each college sets its own policies for awarding credit or advanced placement for AP exams, with most colleges accepting a minimum AP score of 3 or higher. Find a college's credit policy: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

To see AP policies for institutions outside the United States, visit the **AP International University Recognition** page. <http://international.collegeboard.org/programs/ap-recognition>

## **How long do I have to study to prepare for an AP Exam?**

This varies by student.

## **How do I decide which AP exams to take?**

You can decide based on your interests, your intended college major, or career area. Visit Explore AP to begin. For example, if you plan to major in Chemical Engineering, it may make sense to take subjects like AP Chemistry and AP Calculus. You may also consider the **AP recognition policies** (<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>) of any specific colleges/universities where you think you will apply.

## **In which Grade should I take AP Exams? Can I take them in Grade 9?**

Most students take AP courses and exams in Grades 11 or 12. However, you may feel prepared to take on the challenge of AP earlier, in Grades 9 or 10.

## **Who administers AP Exams in India?**

A few schools, along with **authorized AP test centers** (<http://ap-india.org/>) are able to administer AP Exams in India. Check with your school's AP Coordinator to confirm if you can register for and take exams at your school. If your school does not offer a particular AP Exam you wish to take, or if your school opts to not administer any AP Exams, you may register with one of the other test centers. Note that AP Exam fees and registration procedures may vary across test centers. Refund, late testing, and registration policies may also vary for AP authorized test centers

## **How will I receive my scores?**

1) If you haven't already, sign up for a College Board account at <https://apscore.org>. If you already have an account for SAT or other College Board programs, try signing in first at [apscore.org](https://apscore.org). You can use your SAT account to get your AP scores.

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2) JULY: Wait for an email from the AP Program. ALL students will then have access to scores starting at the date and time provided. The system will not be open during other times. Please wait for an email alerting you when you can start to access the system. You will need your AP Number or Student ID number bubbled on your AP Exam answer sheets to retrieve your scores. Important – please ensure that you use the same exact name on your AP answer sheets as you do when you create your College Board account or else the system may not be able to link your scores to your account.

**Read the information and frequently asked questions about AP online scores provided at [apcentral.collegeboard.org](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/apcentral/ap-scores).**

**Watch the YouTube Video: “[How to Get Your AP Scores Online](#)”**