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## Top AP Questions from Students and Parents in India

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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. Some research shows in general, it could make very good sense for students to arrive at their college or university with a core of 5 successful AP experiences.

### **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 34 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.

### **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 the [AP Course Ledger](#) by keyword (“online”).

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.
- (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](#), 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** (go to [AP Course Audit Resources](#) for teachers, select a course, and look under “Preparing a Syllabus”). Students in India may contact United States-India Educational Foundation ([USIEF](#)) 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.com](#) (U.S.).

### **Should 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 within the same year – and, you are not permitted to take both the Calculus AB and Calculus BC exams within the same year. You may not take an 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 B and Physics C: Mechanics?**

Since both these exams are offered at the same time on the same day, you could take one exam during the regular testing period and the other during the late testing period, if offered. Speak to your school's AP Coordinator or AP test center representative for late testing options.

### **Can I use something besides the passport to register for AP exams?**

You must have your valid passport on exam day if you are registered at one of the authorized AP test centers – **there are no exceptions to this rule.** 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 (typically 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 passport at registration, but expect to have your passport by exam day, it is up to the authorized test center to allow you to register with an alternate form of ID, which you must bring in addition to your valid passport on exam day.

### **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](#) of any specific colleges/universities where you think you will apply. 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.

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

Visit the [Credit and Placement](#) page to start. 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. To see AP policies for institutions outside the United States, visit the [AP International University Recognition](#) page.

## **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 small list of schools, along with [authorized AP test centers](#), and a few centers run by [USIEF](#) are able to administer AP Exams in India. Check with your school's AP Coordinator to confirm if you can register for 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 will vary between schools and 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 [apcentral.collegeboard.org](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org). If you already have an account for SAT or other College Board programs, try signing in first at [apcentral.collegeboard.org](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org). You can use your SAT account to get your AP scores.
- 2) ALL students will have access to scores starting 5 a.m. EDT (2:30 p.m. IST) on Monday, July 8. You will need your AP Number or Student ID number bubbled on your AP Exam answer sheets to retrieve your scores. After you take an AP Exam, we send your score report to the college or university that you designated on your answer sheet. When you view your scores online, you have the option to send them to other institutions for a fee. Learn more about how your AP scores can help you achieve your goals at [How to Earn Credit for Your Scores](#).

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

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

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