

**Pope Advanced
Placement
Parent/Student
Informational Meeting**

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General Overview of AP Program

Advanced Placement Is:

- **A Rigorous Program-college level curriculum**
- **National curriculum culminating with a national exam in May**
- **Yearlong commitment**
- **Designed for self-motivated, self-starting students**
- **About the curriculum and NOT the quality point**
- **For qualified students, i.e. all prerequisites met**
- **Require a significant time commitment, a good deal of outside reading and often study group participation**

Five Claims confirmed by multiple research studies

- Perform well in subsequent college courses in the discipline
- Perform well overall in their first year of college
- Are more likely to graduate in four years
- Are more likely to major in their AP subject or a related discipline
- Are more likely to have better outcomes in college compared to students who take dual enrollment courses

Testing basics

- 2017 exams are \$93 each (financial aid available for Free/Reduced lunch students)
- Register on-line
- Exams are typically 2-3 hours (multiple choice/free response) in May
- 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 which fulfill graduation requirements

- 9th Grade - AP Human Geography (Academic Elective)
- 10th Grade - AP World History
- 11th Grade - AP English Lang (American Lit)
 - AP US History
 - AP Physics 1
 - AP Seminar

AP Courses which fulfill graduation requirements

- 12th Grade - AP English Lit
AP French
AP Government (one semester)
AP Micro/Macroeconomics (one semester each)
AP Research
AP Spanish
- 10th/11th/12th Grade - AP Calculus or AP Statistics Fulfills
Math Requirement

AP Courses without a definite grade level include the following:

- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics C (M and E&M)
- AP Psychology
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art

Define Success.

Seek balance; Think, learn and grow!

- There is the potential to have numerous AP classes at the same time, be honest with yourself about your academic load. College credit means a college level course!
- This becomes a balancing act for some students so when you plan out your schedule think about time management and the time commitment each course requires.

Recommendation #2: Awareness of Overloading on AP/IB Courses

Admissions offices should convey to students that simply taking large numbers of AP or IB courses per year is often not as valuable as sustained achievement in a limited number of areas. While some students can benefit from and handle large numbers of AP/IB courses, many students benefit from taking smaller numbers of advanced courses. Too often there is the perception that these students are penalized in the admissions process. At the same time, it's vital to increase access to advanced courses for large numbers of students in schools without access to adequately challenging courses.

Turning the Tide: Inspiring Concern For Others And The Common Good Through College Admissions.

Harvard Graduate School of Education. <http://mcc.gse.harvard.edu/collegeadmissions>

AP Courses with New Curriculum for 2017-2018

- AP Art History (10th – 12th Grade)
- AP Capstone
 - AP Research (12th Grade Only)