# The Advanced Placement (AP®) Program

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#### **AP Overview**

The Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) are college-level courses offered in high school. AP courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses.

At the end of the course, students take **AP Exams**—worldwide, standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work in high school.

Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.



#### What Are AP Courses Like?

AP courses typically demand more of students than regular or honors courses.

- •Classes tend to be fast-paced and cover more material than typical high school classes.
- •More time, inside and outside of the classroom, is required to complete lessons, assignments and homework.
- •AP teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, weigh competing perspectives, and write clearly and persuasively.



### **AP Helps Students Graduate on Time...**

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time.

- Only one in four students who enter college complete a bachelor's degree in four years.\*
- A recent study\*\* showed that students taking AP courses and exams were much more likely to earn a college degree in four years.

For example, AP English Literature students had four-year college graduation rates that were **62% higher** than students that had not taken AP English Literature.

CollegeBoard inspiring minds

<sup>\*</sup> IPEDS database, 2008

<sup>\*\*</sup> Linda Hargrove, Donn Godin, and Barbara Dodd, "College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences." The College Board, 2008.

### ... and Save Money

- Students who take five years or more to graduate can spend \$21,500 for each additional year in college.
  - The average college cost per year for a four-year public institution is \$21,447 for in-state students.
  - Costs include tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, and other expenses.



## **AP and College Admission**

- Colleges rank "grades in college prep courses" and "strength of curriculum" as the top two factors in the admission decision.\*
- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.\*\*

"We look favorably on students who have taken AP courses. The presence of AP courses is a sign that a student has chosen to challenge him/herself."
—Admission Officer



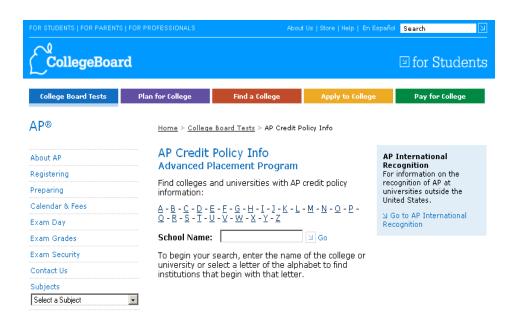
<sup>\*\*</sup> Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc. March 2007



### **AP Credit Policy Information**

Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is available at <a href="https://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.">www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.</a>

- Search by college or university name or by letter of the alphabet
- You will see two things for each school:
  - A link to the college's own Web page that details its AP credit and placement policies.
  - A statement by the college or university about its AP policy.

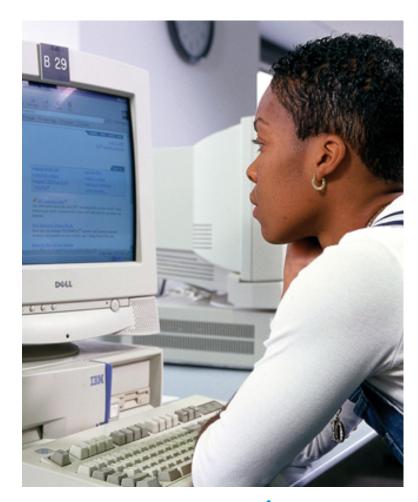




## **AP Boosts Eligibility for Scholarships**

31% of colleges and universities consider a student's AP experience when making decisions about which students will receive scholarships.\*

"Having the AP Exam score can make the difference when it comes down to awarding precious scholarship dollars." —Edwina Harris Hamby, former Dean of Admission, Fisk University





## **AP and College Success**

A recent study\* showed that students who earned a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam had higher first-year college grade point averages and were more likely to return for the second year of college than non-AP students of similar ability.

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

—William Fitzsimmons,Dean of Admissions &Financial Aid, HarvardUniversity



#### **AP Exams**

- AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates each May.
- Exams usually last around three hours.
- Each AP Exam contains:
  - Multiple-choice questions
  - Free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response)





#### **AP Exam Fees**

- AP Exam fee for 2020 is \$94 per exam.
- They are paid for through a Federal grant as long as students are enrolled in the course that school year.



## Why Take AP Exams?

Most two- and four-year colleges and universities in the United States offer credit or advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores.

- •Credit: Students earn credit toward their college degrees.
- •Advanced placement: Students can skip introductory courses and move directly into higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.



## **AP Courses Offered by Our School:**

**English Language** Spanish Language

**English Literature** World History

**US** History **Statistics** 

Calculus AB/BC Government

**European History** Computer Science

Biology Psychology

Human Geography Chemistry

Physics 1/2 Studio Art

**Environmental Science** German



#### **Learn More**

 For more information about AP courses and exams visit www.collegeboard.org/apstudents.

