

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The college application process is more competitive than ever before. Therefore, colleges and universities have prioritized the importance of student course load above standardized test scores and extra curricular activities. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are among the most challenging in the country, with a standardized curriculum and exit examination. If you intend to go to a four year college or university, you need to be prepared to take several AP courses throughout your high school career.

Advanced Placement courses are challenging and time consuming. There is an emphasis on reading for comprehension, writing, and critical thinking. Before enrolling in an AP course, understand it is a substantial commitment you must make. Throughout the curriculum guide, we have set minimum prerequisites for all of our courses, including AP. Even if you meet these prerequisites, you still need to understand that AP courses are challenging in both content and time commitment. With that said, **no** other courses will prepare you for the rigor of college like AP. Research shows that students who take AP courses in high school are more successful at the college and university level.

Advanced Placement Test (AP)

This test is given at the completion of an advanced placement course in May of each year. Scores range from 1 to 5 and are mailed to the student, high school, and specified colleges. A score of 3 or higher may result in the award of college credit hours by most colleges and universities. Students should inquire at the college they wish to attend about acceptance of Advanced Placement credit.

Taking an AP course not only prepares you for college but depending on your AP score, it can earn you college credits. Students can earn between 3 to 9 college credits depending on the AP exam taken here at Apopka High. Check with the college or university you plan to attend for exact awards.

Students are required to take the AP exam at no cost. Failure to take the scheduled AP exam, however, will result in a student reimbursing \$85 to Apopka High School.

Freshmen Courses

AP Human Geography

2103400

1 Credit

The purpose of the AP course in Human Geography is to introduce 9th grade students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. Students will take an AP test at the end of the year.

Sophomore Courses

AP World History

2109420

1 Credit

A course designed to develop greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts in interaction with different types of human societies. This understanding is deepened through a combination of selective factual knowledge and appropriate analytical skills. The course highlights the nature of changes in international frameworks and their causes and consequences, as well as comparisons of major societies. Students will take an AP test at the end of the year.

Junior Courses

A.P. English Language

1001420

1 Credit

Written assignments totaling at least 12,000 words are required for successful completion of this college-level course. This course emphasizes use of levels of diction, variety of sentence structure, logical and functional relationships, modes and aims of discourse, various rhetorical strategies in writing, and awareness of audience. The course is fast-paced and requires constant reading and writing. Students should be consistently good writers and should have mastered the basics of English grammar and composition.

A.P. United States History

2100330

1 Credit

This is a college-level course designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. This course is a two-semester survey of U.S. History from the Age of Exploration to our present time that can earn a student up to six college credits. Through in-depth study, students will learn to assess historical materials, their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability and their importance, and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. The course will involve challenging reading and writing assignments and heavy emphasis will be placed on the use of outside primary and secondary sources. The pace of the course is fast and students are expected to have strong reading and writing skills.

Courses Requiring Instructor Approval

AP Music Theory

1300330

1 Credit

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval

AP Music Theory is an intensive study of the melodic and harmonic structure of music from the 1500's through the present day including notation, ear training, and sight singing. All students are required to have some previous experience in instrumental or vocal music. A background in private piano is also acceptable. At a minimum, students must demonstrate the ability to read music and are expected to sit for the AP Music Theory exam administered in May by the College Board.

AP French Language

0701380

1 Credit

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval

Develops student's oral and written fluency in the language, including concepts determined by the Advanced Placement Program. Students will take the advanced placement exam in May.

AP Spanish Language

0708400

1 Credit

Prerequisite: Instructor Approval

Develops student's oral and written fluency in the language, including concepts determined by the Advanced Placement Program. Students will take the advanced placement exam in May.

AP Spanish Literature

0708410

1 Credit

Prerequisite: AP Spanish Language

Develops students appreciation of spanish literature. Students will read literature from numerous countries to explore comparisons in literature throughout time.

AP Studio 2D

0109350

1 Credit

Prerequisites: Drawing I and Teacher Approval

Students may focus on drawing or painting skills or they may focus on the design aspects of 2D art. AP Art is a studio art class that stresses the creation of art with a concentration on individual style and subjects (summer work required).

AP Drawing/Portfolio

0104300

1 Credit

Prerequisites: Drawing I and II, Teacher Approval

College level drawing course. A collection of past art work is required for evaluation and approval in order to be admitted into class.

AP Studio 3D

0109360

1 Credit

Prerequisites: Ceramics I and teacher approval

Students will focus on three dimensional mediums to create a college level portfolio utilizing central design concepts. AP Art is a studio art class that stresses the creation of art with a concentration on individual style and subjects (summer work required).