The A-Z of AP Courses

Advanced placement (AP) courses will help you prepare academically and financially for your college years.

An overview:

AP classes allow high-school students to take college-level coursework and save money while doing it. Your score on your exam will determine the amount of college credits you can receive.

Subject	Comments
Cost	 Exam Fees Each AP exam has a fee of \$92. Your school might charge administration costs. Ask your AP coordinator for a refund if you decide to not take an exam you paid for. Fee Reductions If you have financial need, you could be eligible for a \$30 reduction for each exam. Ask your AP coordinator about eligibility.
Breadth of courses	 High schools across the country offer 38 AP Courses each year. Courses by subject: Arts: 5 courses English: 2 courses History & Social Science: 9 courses Math & Computer Science: 5 courses Sciences: 7 courses Sciences: 7 courses World Languages & Cultures: 8 courses Capstone: 2 courses
College credit	 Most colleges and universities grant credit for AP scores. AP exams are scored up to 5. If you get a 3 or higher, you likely will receive credit. Visit apstudent.collegeboard.org to find out more about your college's AP credit policy. You also can get advanced placement. Even if you don't get credit toward your degree, some universities grant advanced placement, which allows you to skip introductory courses. Some colleges offer both credit and advancement. Speak with an admissions officer at your university to find out which is offered.
Availability	 At your high school Talk to a guidance counselor to find out which AP classes your school provides. Online If you are home schooled, or your school doesn't provide an AP course you're interested in, you can find an AP class at apexlearning.com/courses.
Benefits	 AP courses help you academically. You'll stand out to college admissions staff. You'll be prepared for the skills required in college-level classes. With a good AP exam score you can skip introductory classes in college and take more challenging courses. AP courses save you money. The AP exam fees are much cheaper than college tuition. Advanced placement can allow you to skip introductory courses and open up your schedule. You might graduate earlier.

If you haven't already, make room in your schedule for AP courses. It's a smart decision for both your education and your finances.



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