



AP Class Offerings

2025-2026

AP

How to be successful in AP Classes

Students should have:

- Excellent organizational skills
- Strong study habits
- The ability to work independently and in groups
- A high level of interest and commitment
- Good problem solving skills
- Determination and perseverance
- Good communication skills

Semester AP grades are weighted on a 5.0 GPA scale.

A=5.0

B=4.0

C=3.0

D=2.0

How much time is required?

All AP classes are college level courses and are weighted. If the student passes the AP Exam in May, they can may receive college credit. If you do not do the classwork and homework, you will have difficulty passing tests and the AP Test in May.

Students can expect to spend 3-4 hours a week outside of class. Homework will be assigned 2-3 times per week, but even if there isn't "assigned" work, students are expected to study on their own time.

Information to Know

Students may choose to take the AP exam in May 2025. The 2025 AP Exam fee will be ~ \$99 per exam (reduced rate is \$53). Rates change according to college board.

AP Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5. Many U.S. colleges grant credit and/or advanced placement (that means they let you skip the equivalent courses once you get to college) for scores 3 and above.

Students are recognized as nationally acclaimed AP Scholars if they pass three or more exams with a score of 3 or better.

AP courses are taught at the college level, therefore, there is substantially more work involved compared to standard high school classes.

Students may be required to complete summer assignments per the request of the AP teacher.

Students have until Friday, June 6th to drop their AP course selection. Students must email their counselor on or before that date. After that, they will be enrolled in the course without the ability to drop.

AP Contract

- ❖ **Must have contract signed by both student and parent.**
- ❖ **AP courses are a YEAR long commitment!**
- ❖ **After June 6th, you CANNOT drop an AP class.**

AP Science Courses

AP Environmental Science (11th-12th)



What is APES?

- An interdisciplinary study that integrates information and ideas from natural sciences (biology, chemistry, earth science) and social sciences (politics, ethics, economics).

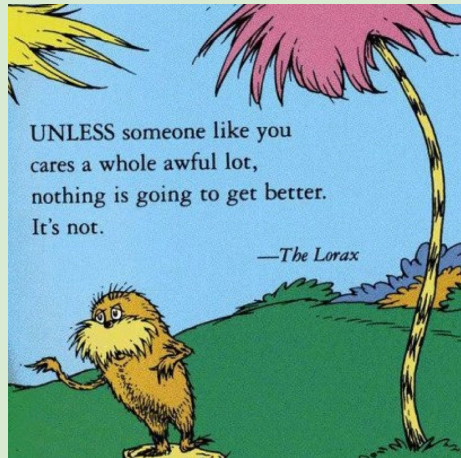
Why should I care?

- Gain a deeper understanding of how the environment functions, and the drastic effects that humans have on it.

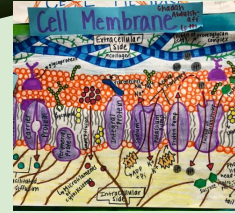
What kind of things will I get to do?

- Learn about current events
- Design & perform labs
- Identify & evaluate environmental problems
 - Create solutions for these problems
- Appreciate the natural world
- Work in the greenhouse & courtyard!

Please email **Ms. Potter**
for more information!
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AP Biology (10th-12th) introductory college level biology class.



AP Biology

- is designed to give students a deeper understanding of biological concepts, including genetics and its role in evolution, how energy flows through ecosystems, and many other fascinating topics.
- the topics are closely aligned with those covered in a foundational college course.
- the course emphasizes critical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication of scientific ideas.

AP Biology is its inquiry-based approach.

- You will have the opportunity to design your own experiments and procedures to test predictions. Throughout the course, you will collect, analyze, and interpret data to draw meaningful conclusions.



By taking AP Biology before entering college, you will not only gain a strong foothold in college-level biology but have the opportunity to gain college credit for the course by taking the AP Exam in May.



Units

Unit 1: Chemistry of Life

Unit 2: Cell Structure and Function

Unit 3: Cellular Energetics

Unit 4: Cell Communication and Cell Cycle

Unit 5: Heredity

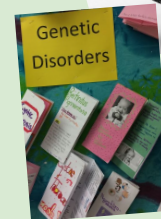
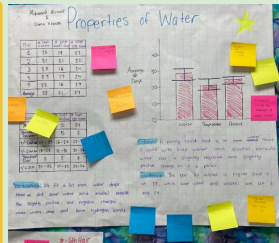
Unit 6: Gene Expression and Regulation

Unit 7: Natural Selection

Unit 8: Ecology

Questions? email
Mrs. O'Brien for more
information!

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AP Chemistry : The purpose of this course is to provide a freshman-level college course to ensure that student are prepared to succeed in college chemistry.
(11th-12th)

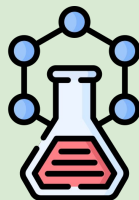
You should take AP Chemistry if you...

- Are interested in the medical or pharmaceutical field.
- Have strong study habits and are **NOT** afraid of a challenge.
- Enjoy Labs.
- Intend to take the AP Exam and earn college credit!

Questions? Contact Mr. Baydoun at BaydounJ@dearbornschools.org

Topics Covered

Units	Exam Weighting
Unit 1: Atomic Structure and Properties	7–9%
Unit 2: Molecular and Ionic Compound Structure and Properties	7–9%
Unit 3: Intermolecular Forces and Properties	18–22%
Unit 4: Chemical Reactions	7–9%
Unit 5: Kinetics	7–9%
Unit 6: Thermodynamics	7–9%
Unit 7: Equilibrium	7–9%
Unit 8: Acids and Bases	11–15%
Unit 9: Applications of Thermodynamics	7–9%



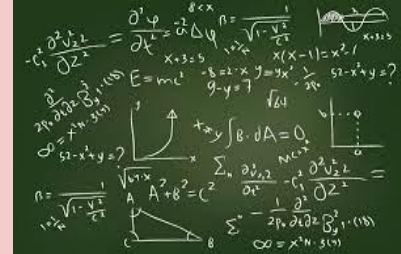
AP Math Courses



AP Pre-Calculus

(11th-12th)

Mr. Yehia Bazzi



What is AP Pre-Calculus?



AP Precalculus prepares students for other higher-level mathematics and science courses. The course teaches content and skills common to college precalculus courses that are the foundation for careers in mathematics, physics, biology, health science, social science, and data science. Quadratics, exponentials, Logarithmics, rational equations, trigonometry, and polar equations.

AP Pre-Calculus Prepares you For :



- Higher level math courses you plan to take in college or university
- For Calculus I which is required in medical and engineering fields
- Studying for challenging courses

What to Expect:



- Rigorous Curriculum
- Lots of work
- Active Participation
- Challenge and Growth
- Studying beyond class

Tips/Advice:



- Daily Review and Practice
- Use Class Resources
- Study Groups and Peer Learning
- Seek Help When Needed



Contact me via email if you have any questions
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Calculus is the study of **change and motion** – velocities and accelerations. Calculus provides the framework for modeling systems in which there is change and a way to make predictions using such models.

AP Calculus (12th)

“ Although pre-calculus mathematics also deals with velocities, acceleration, tangent lines, slopes, and so on, there is a fundamental difference between pre-calculus and calculus. Pre-calculus mathematics is more static, whereas calculus is more dynamic.”

~Larson, Hostetler, Edwards (Calculus of a Single Variable, 8th edition)

What is required?

- ❖ Excellent organizational skills
- ❖ Strong study habits (3-4 hours of work/week)
- ❖ The ability to work independently and in groups
- ❖ A high level of interest and commitment in math
- ❖ Good problem solving skills
- ❖ Determination and perseverance
- ❖ Good communication skills



Questions?

Please see Mr. Hewitt in Room D1 !

Calculus is important to the following disciplines:

- Physics, engineering,
- Chemistry, biology, biochemistry
- Business, economics
- Computer science, neuroscience
- Environmental science
- Public health

Statistics are a part of everyday life. You can see them in AI models, news polls, popular music rankings, and medical research. Discover how the statistics you see every day are developed and learn how to evaluate their credibility for yourself in AP Statistics.

AP Statistics (12th)



AP Statistics

The purpose of the AP course in statistics is to introduce students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing and drawing conclusions from data. Students are exposed to four broad conceptual themes:

1. Exploring Data: Describing patterns and departures from patterns.
2. Sampling and Experimentation: Planning and conducting a study.
3. Anticipating Patterns: Exploring random phenomena using probability and simulation.
4. Statistical Inference: Estimating population parameters and testing hypotheses.

AP Social Studies Courses

AP Human Geography (9th-12th)

What You Will Learn:

Patterns on how humans use and shape the earth to include:

- ❖ Population
- ❖ Culture
- ❖ Politics
- ❖ Cities & Rural areas

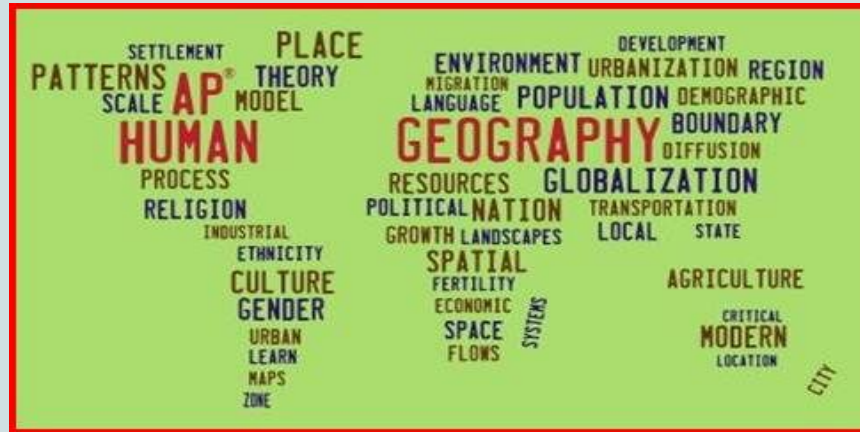


What You Can Expect:

- ❖ Homework multiple times a week
- ❖ Writing assignments
- ❖ Geography/map test
- ❖ Take the AP Exam

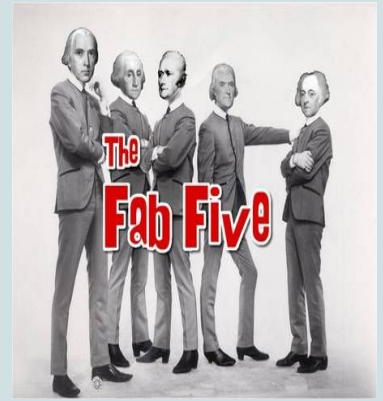
Benefits:

- ★ Can be taken in place of 9th grade World History.
- ★ Opportunity to earn college credit.



AP US History (9th-12th)

- ❖ Study US History from 1400-2000
- ❖ Gain a broader and deeper understanding of history
- ❖ Fine tune note taking skills
- ❖ Become a better student
- ❖ Motivated class, smaller in size
 - ❖ Possibility of College Credit: Must earn a 3, 4, or 5
- ❖ NO SUMMER WORK
- ❖ As close to a college level course as you can get in a high school classroom



AP Psychology (10th-12th)

AP Psychology is a yearlong course that is equivalent to a one semester introductory college course in psychology. The goals of this course include:

- ❖ Learning about the field of psychology through in-depth study, discussion, and hands-on activities.
- ❖ Exploring the psychology as an integrated and eclectic discipline.
- ❖ Developing an understanding of psychology as a science.
- ❖ Learning to think critically by examining behavior and mental processes.
- ❖ Developing an understanding of the role of psychology within the modern world.

Topics to be covered:

- ❖ Personality Development
- ❖ Abnormal Psychology
- ❖ Motivation and Emotion
- ❖ Stress, Anxiety and Frustration
- ❖ Emotional Intelligence
- ❖ Adolescence as part of human development
- ❖ Relationships

**Earn 3 college credits through
the National Exam in Spring**





(11th-12th)

AP U.S. Government and Politics is a college-level year-long course that not only seeks to prepare you for success on the AP Exam in May, but also provide you with the political knowledge and reasoning processes to participate meaningfully and thoughtfully in discussions and debates that are currently shaping American politics and society. It is important to note that this course is not a history course; it is a political science course that studies the interconnectedness of the different parts of the American political system and the behaviors and attitudes that shape this system and are the byproduct of this system.

By the end of the course, you will be able to analyze current and historical political events like a political scientist and develop factually accurate, well- reasoned, thoughtful arguments and opinions that acknowledge and grapple with alternative political perspectives.

AP Microeconomics (11th-12th)

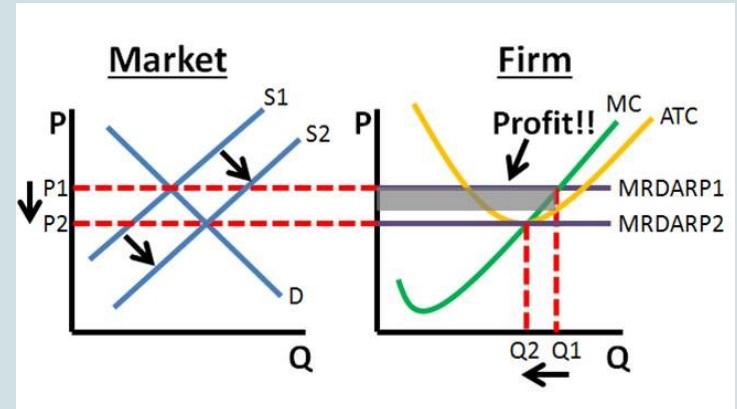
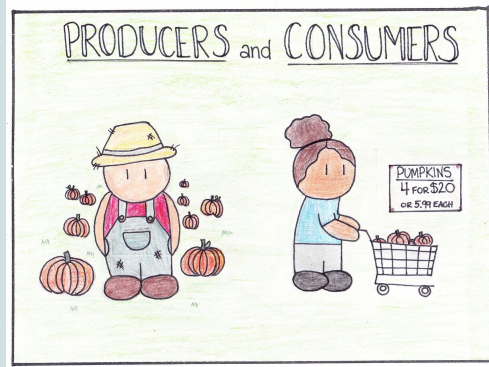
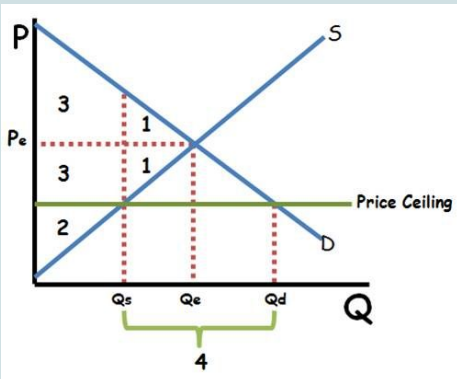
Significant work will be expected of students to succeed in the class. College credit can be earned by scoring well on the A.P. Exam.

This class uses more tables and graphs than regular economics classes, which allows us to dig deeper into how consumers and producers efficiently use scarce resources to achieve maximum satisfaction of economic wants.

Course Description:

The purpose of AP Microeconomics is to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the functions of individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the economic system.

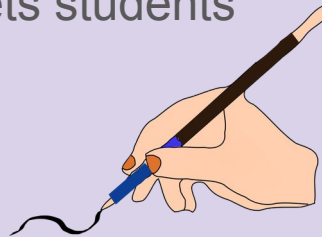
It places primary emphasis on the nature and functions of product markets and includes the study of factor markets and the role of government in promoting greater efficiency and equity in the economy.



AP Language Art Courses

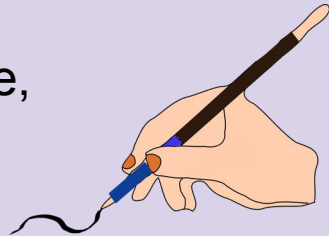
AP Seminar (10th)

- **Engaging:** The project-based learning model makes the course more relevant for more students. A more diverse group of students take and are successful in AP Seminar than any other AP course.
- **Builds relevant skills:** Students build skills foundational to college and career success, including investigating topics, conducting research, and presenting. They work in teams to investigate a real-world or academic problem and present an argument for their proposed solution.
- **Improves outcomes:** Taking AP Seminar in grade 10 specifically sets students up for future high school success.



AP English Language and Composition (11th)

- The word “composition” means there is a lot of writing.
- This class will take SAT and AP test preparation very seriously.
- A bulk of this class relies on conferencing and revising your writing. Writing is a skill that will assist you in any field you endeavor in the future.
- We move fairly quickly in this class, but make allowances for revising written assignments.
- You will have to master writing three types of essays: argumentative, rhetorical analysis, and synthesis.

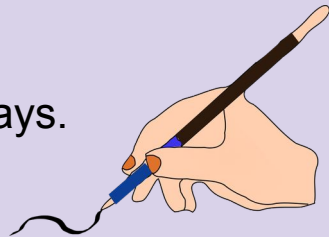


AP English Literature and Composition (12th)

- AP English Literature and Composition is an introductory college-level literary analysis course. Students cultivate their understanding of literature through reading and analyzing texts as they explore concepts like character, setting, structure, perspective, figurative language, and literary analysis in the context of literary works.
- The word “literature” means there is a LOT of READING. A large amount of this class is relies around your reading and the discussion of the texts you have read.
- Another large part of this class relies on conferencing and revising your writing about the literature.
- This is great class if you are looking to go to college and take test prep seriously.
- Students taking this course were accepted Harvard, Stanford, and many to the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.
- We move quickly in this class, but make allowances for revising written assignments.

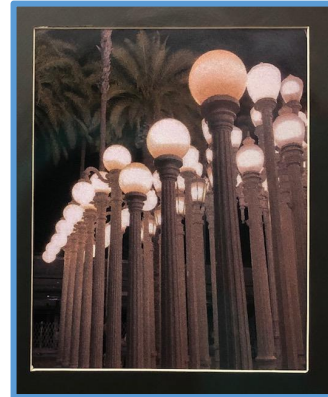
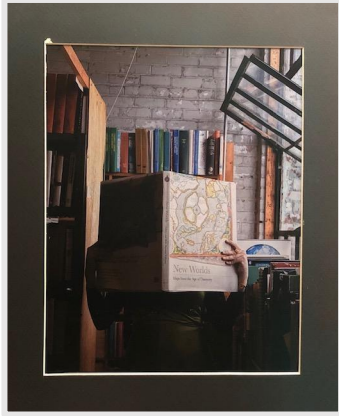
What is expected?

- Reading, reading, talking about the reading and writing about the reading.
- We will master the writing of: argumentative essays and literary analysis essays.
- We will read: novels, plays, poetry and short stories.



AP Elective Courses

Advanced Placement Studio Art



AP Studio Art - Drawing

● AP Studio Art - 2D Design (Photography)

Advanced Placement Studio Art

Drawing and painting OR photography is a prerequisite for taking AP art.

This is a year long course. Students will be creating a portfolio of artworks work which meet the requirements of The College Board. The portfolio can also be used for entrance into an art school, college or university program. Topics that will be explored include composition, techniques, concepts, creativity, art history and critique. This experience will be for students who can work independently.

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***Please email the AP teacher if you have any questions**