

Think about the challenges you tackle every day. With each one, you build greater confidence in your abilities. That's what AP is all about. AP courses may be tough — they bring the college experience to your high school after all — but they also help you develop skills and knowledge that you can use in the real world. Even better, they introduce you to new possibilities — in college majors, in career options, and in yourself.

Qualities like Curiosity, Creativity, and Commitment — things you use every day in other parts of your life to achieve your goals — are key ingredients for success in AP®.

If you're ready to explore and follow your passions, if you're willing to get academically prepared for exciting classes and put in the effort once you're in them, then you may be ready for AP.

1. The AP Experience

This is your college-level class.

AP is about having the experience of a college student, today. In AP courses, you'll tackle challenging topics head on and investigate issues that matter to you. You'll learn about exciting subjects in depth, and your AP teacher and your classmates will help you learn and get the most out of AP.

2. Why Take AP?

Set yourself apart for college.

- Let colleges know that you're serious about your education — with AP on your transcript, you'll show that you've challenged yourself with rigorous course work.
- Earn college credit and potentially skip introductory courses if you do well on the AP Exam. This can save tuition costs.
- Experience college while you are still in high school. Learn what is expected of you, and develop skills you need now to get the most out of college later.

3. AP & Your Future

Getting started is easy.

- Learn more about AP at exploreap.org, where you can watch videos and hear from students who took AP courses.
- Speak to a counselor or a teacher and ask these three questions: What AP courses does my school offer? Are there any requirements for students to enroll? What is the deadline for enrolling?
- Discuss your options with your parents or guardians to determine if AP makes sense for you.

Pick an AP class that's right for you.

- Start with your interests — what do you enjoy? What do you want to learn more about?
- Explore the AP courses offered at your school, and see how they can get you started on a path to many college majors and careers at exploreap.org.
- Ask your counselor or teacher how you can get ready for AP. This might include courses you need to take before an AP course.
- Select the course that fits you best and enroll.

Be confident

You have what it takes to succeed in AP, and you'll have help every step of the way. Speak to your counselor or teacher. They'll help you get the information you need to determine the best next steps for you.

Learn more at exploreap.org