

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

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Advanced Placement is an internationally recognized, academically rigorous program that introduces students to material covered at the post-secondary level. AP is great for university preparation, providing an enriched and challenging learning environment that develops and extends students' skills of acquiring, organizing, and evaluating ideas and information. AP courses are also highly valued in admission applications for post secondary institutions and students who achieve a 3,4, or 5 on the AP exam may qualify for a transfer credit.

The AP program we offer includes the flexibility to take one or more of the following:

- Biology
- European History (AP Social Studies 30-1)
- Calculus (AP Mathematics 31)
- English Literature and Composition (AP English Language Arts 30-1)
- Art (Fine Art Drawing, Art 2D Design, and Art 3D portfolios)

Objectives of the Program:

- To prepare as many students as possible for optimum success in their post-secondary studies.
- To provide students with an enriched and challenging academic program in the company of like-minded students.
- To develop and extend students' skills of acquiring, organizing and evaluating ideas and information.
- To stimulate students' critical and creative thinking skills as well as divergent and abstract thinking abilities.
- To nurture students' independence and autonomy in learning and communicating ideas.

The AP exam schedule for 2024-2025 can be found [here](#).

Prerequisites for Registration

Because of the rigorous nature of the courses, students considering the program must:

- Demonstrate consistent superior achievement in their academic subjects (honors marks).
- Demonstrate high levels of self-discipline and motivation.
- Make a commitment to serious academic learning.

#### Program Outline:

- Content in AP classes is delivered at an accelerated pace to expand the Alberta Curriculum. It is recommended that students prepare for grade 12 AP courses by taking the AP route from grade 10. For example a student wanting to take AP Biology should strongly consider taking AP Science 10 and AP Biology 20.
- Evaluation of the Alberta curriculum in these courses parallels that of regular classes and AP students write final exams equivalent to those in regular classes.
- A distinct advantage of the AP program is flexibility. A student may enroll in one, some, or all AP courses. Students are not required to schedule additional time to complete AP courses which still leaves room for complementary courses.
- Upon completion of senior level AP courses, students write internationally recognized exams prepared and scored by the College Board.
- Students registering in AP courses may obtain credit and/or advanced placement in major Canadian and American universities.
- Students may use the higher grade of their AP or final 30 level mark when applying to many post-secondary institutions.
- Students who participate in AP may receive dual credit for the additional work they complete in their courses.