

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Advanced Placement is an internationally recognized, academically rigorous program that introduces students to material covered at the post-secondary level. It is run by College Board, a not-for-profit organization that focuses on providing students with opportunities to expand skills and knowledge to better prepare them for college.

The AP program 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.

The AP program this year includes the flexibility to take one or more of the following:

- European History (AP Social Studies 30-1)
- Calculus (AP Mathematics 31)
- Art (Fine Art Drawing, Art 2D Design, and Art 3D portfolios)

The AP exam schedule for 2025-2026 can be found [here](#).



"Student work from the AP Art and Design Portfolio, 2025."

ADVANCED PLACEMENT FAQ

What are the benefits of AP?

- Students are prepared for optimum success in their post-secondary studies.
- The program allows for students to study various subjects at an advanced level.
- The program provides students with an enriched and challenging academic environment.
- Students are encouraged to develop and extend their skills of acquiring, organizing, and evaluating ideas.
- The opportunity to collaborate and engage with students with similar interests in a supportive environment led by passionate teachers.

- AP participation allows students to earn university credits, standing, and/or placement. For more information:

[University of Alberta](#)
[MacEwan University](#)
[University of British Columbia](#)
[University of Calgary](#)

Who can take an AP course?

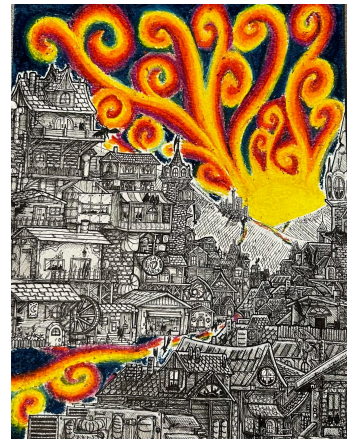
- A minimum grade of 80% in the prerequisite course is recommended; however, a student's motivation and commitment to their studies are even more important.
- Students who are willing and academically prepared to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum are welcome to take an AP course.

What AP courses are offered in the 2025-2026 school year?

- Art (2-D, 3-D, Drawing)
- European History (AP Social Studies 30-1)
- Calculus (AP Math 31)

What pre- AP classes can I take in grade 10 and 11?*

- Science 10
- Biology 20
- Social 10 and 20
- Math 10C, 20-1, 30-1
- English Language Arts 10



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*Note the pre-AP courses in grades 10 and 11 do not have an AP exam through College Board as they serve as prerequisites for the grade 12 courses which offer the external exam. See figure 1 for a timeline of AP course progressions.

Timeline of AP course Progressions

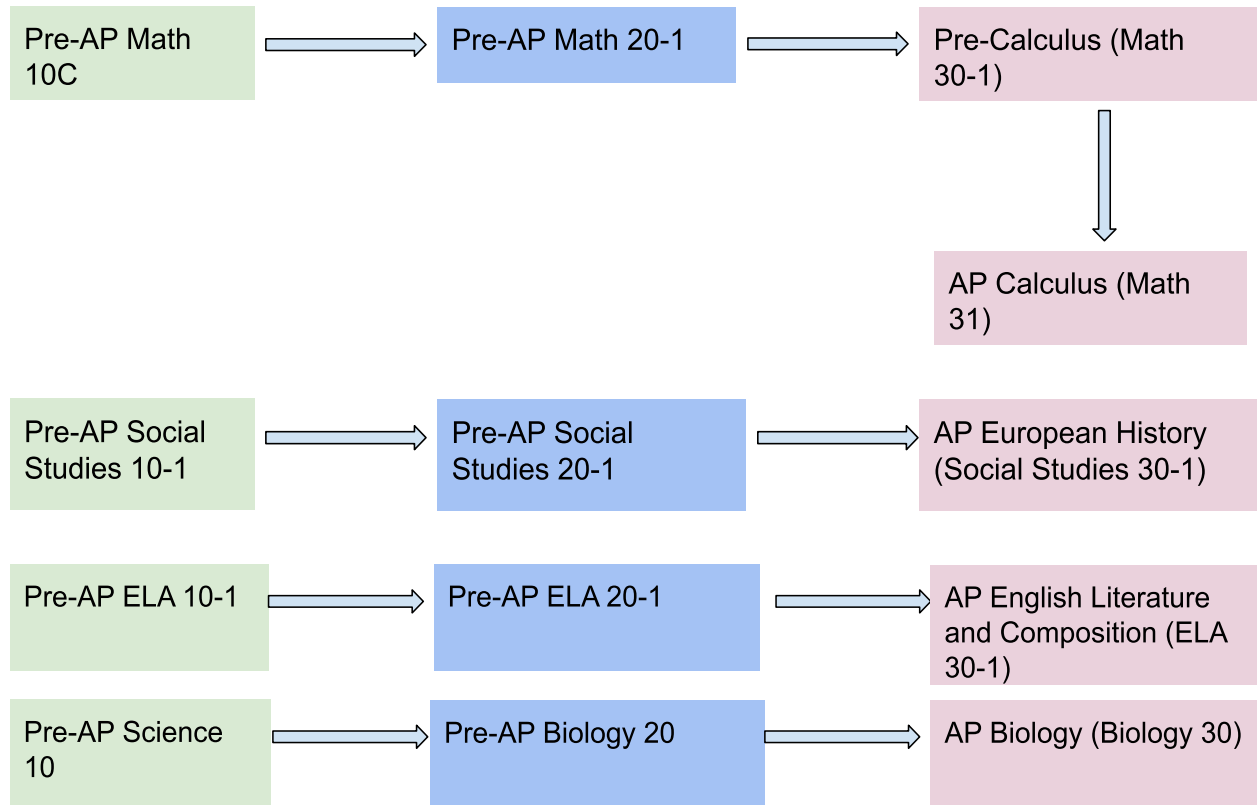


Figure 1: AP Course progressions for Math, Social, ELA, and Science.

Will my course grade be lower in an AP class?

- Typically, students do not find their marks are lower as all students' Alberta Transcript grades are based on the same Alberta Education Program of Studies outcomes. AP students take an external AP exam in the spring. The outcome of this exam is available through a score report that students can have sent to their post secondary institutions for a chance for a credit transfer and/or advanced standing. This separate AP exam does not factor into students' final grade.

How does the AP program align with the provincial High School requirements?

- The AP program fully meets all requirements outlined in Alberta Education's Program of Studies for each course and also offers rich, supplementary enrichment. As a result, students who complete an AP course exceed the learning expectations set by Alberta Education.

What is the cost of taking an AP course?

- The external AP exam fee for our courses is \$125 CAD. This does not apply to students taking pre-AP courses.
- Student fees associated with the AP exams are added to students' Rycor accounts at the beginning of the semester in which they are taking the course.

I still have some questions, who can I contact?

- If you have any questions about ECCHS's AP program please contact Paula Neuman at [pneuman@brsd.ab.ca](mailto: pneuman@brsd.ab.ca).