

## **Benefits of taking AP Courses:**

- **Stand Out in College Admissions**

- Deciding to take an AP course lets colleges and universities know that you have what it takes to succeed in an undergraduate environment.
- When admissions officers see “AP” on your transcript, they know that what you experienced in a particular class has prepared you well for the challenges of college.
- Taking AP is a sign that you’re up for the most rigorous classes your high school has to offer.

- **Earn College Credit**

- By taking an AP course and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses: most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores.
- These credits can allow students to save college tuition, study abroad, or secure a second major.
- AP can transform what once seemed unattainable into something within reach.
- Check out specific colleges’ guidelines on accepting AP scores for credit and placement by searching our [AP Credit Policy database](https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies) :  
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- **Skip Introductory Classes**

- If you already know your preferred college major, taking a related AP course and earning a qualifying score on the AP Exam can help you advance and avoid required introductory courses – so you can move directly into upper-level classes and focus on the work that interests you most.
- Even taking an AP Exam unrelated to your major – whether or not you know what you want to major in – can place you beyond your college’s general education requirements.
- This opens up additional time on your schedule, enabling you to do a second major or minor, take exciting electives, or pursue additional interests.

- **Build College Skills**

- By taking an AP course, you aren't just distinguishing yourself in high school and in the college admission process: you are also building the skills you'll need throughout your college years.
- Since AP courses give you the opportunity to get your hands on real college-level work while still in high school, you'll get a great idea of what to expect when you move onto the next phase of your educational journey.
- The increased rigors of AP courses will not only give your mind a workout, they will help you polish up your time management and study skills, which, given the pressures of undergraduate life, will become an invaluable ally.
- In addition, getting a feel for how to tackle challenging issues and problems, with the support of your AP teachers, can help you grow your natural study habits and skills.
- In the end, you will get the most out of your AP courses now and your college courses in the future.
- With AP classes, you'll experience the thrill of overcoming difficult problems as well as the pride of seeing challenges through to the end.
- College can be challenging, and learning how to work intensely and overcome academic obstacles while in high school can enable you to experience the joy of making it over the hurdles that may confront you during college classes.
- Once you know this, you'll be rewarded with the confidence and understanding that with knowledge, hard work and determination, you can overcome just about anything that stands in your way.

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