

What are AP classes?

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM® (AP®) COURSES ARE COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES OFFERED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

AP COURSES REFLECT WHAT IS TAUGHT IN TOP INTRODUCTORY COLLEGE COURSES.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE, STUDENTS TAKE AP EXAMS—THESE ARE STANDARDIZED EXAMS THAT MEASURE HOW WELL STUDENTS HAVE MASTERED COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSE WORK.

STUDENTS WHO DO WELL ON AP EXAMS CAN EARN CREDIT AND/OR PLACEMENT INTO ADVANCED COURSES IN COLLEGE.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD TAKE AP CLASSES?

"85% OF SELECTIVE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REPORT THAT A STUDENT'S AP EXPERIENCE FAVORABLY IMPACTS ADMISSION DECISIONS."

"WE LOOK FAVORABLY ON STUDENTS WHO HAVE TAKEN AP COURSES. THE PRESENCE OF AP COURSES IS A SIGN THAT A STUDENT HAS CHOSEN TO CHALLENGE HIM/HERSELF."
—ADMISSION OFFICER

- Demands more of students than regular honors courses.
- They are fast-paced and cover more material than an average high school class.
- AP teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, weigh competing perspectives, and write clearly, and persuasively.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD TAKE AP CLASSES?

- "A [new analysis of AP students who score a 2 on the exam](#) shows that they're more likely than similar students to enroll in college and more likely to perform well in their introductory classes. And despite fears that a score of 1 or 2 will discourage students from taking further advanced courses, the opposite is true: most students scoring a 1 or a 2 in their sophomore or junior years proceed to take additional AP classes in following years, and the majority obtain improved scores on their subsequent AP Exams."
--Johnson and Ciampaglia
- "Research shows that when students are given access to advanced coursework opportunities, they work harder and engage more in school, leading to fewer absences and suspensions and higher graduation rates," [EdTrust wrote in 2019](#).

BENEFITS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

- **AP courses can be challenging, but it's work that pays off and helps prepare a student for college.**
- **AP courses are often the most interesting and fulfilling courses a student takes in high school.**
- **AP teachers are among the most prepared, dedicated, and inspiring teachers at their schools. AP teachers must go through a rigorous preparation program through AP College Board to be certified to teach AP classes.**
- **Students develop confidence and learn the study habits and time management skills essential for success in college.**

What does AP testing look like?

- Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates each May.
- Exams usually last around three hours.
- Each AP Exam contains:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, and oral responses).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT GRADING

The AP grade scale ranges from 1 to 5:

Grade	Meaning
5	Extremely well qualified
4	Well qualified
3	Qualified
2	Possibly qualified
1	No recommendation

**Estimated Exam Cost for May
2022**

**\$96 per exam – Parents Pay /If
the student does not order within
the ordering deadline there is a
\$40 late exam fee per exam.**

**Fee reductions based on free and
reduced lunch status**

**ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
EXAM
COVERAGE**

PERRY HIGH SCHOOL

2021-2022 ANTICIPATED OFFERINGS

- **English** **AP English Language – Juniors/ seniors**
 AP English Literature-Seniors
- **Math** **AP Calculus AB -Accelerated math seniors**
 AP Statistics—Juniors/seniors
- **Science** **AP Biology – Sophomores/juniors/seniors**
 AP Chemistry – Juniors/seniors
 AP Environmental – Sophomores/seniors
 AP Computer Science – Juniors/seniors

PERRY HIGH SCHOOL

2022-2023 ANTICIPATED OFFERINGS

Social Studies AP World History – Sophomores/seniors

AP US History –Juniors

AP Macroeconomics-Seniors

AP Human Geography-Freshman

Fine Arts AP Studio Art and Design – Juniors/seniors

AP Music Theory—Sophomores/seniors

Academic Elective AP Psychology – Juniors/seniors

AP REGISTRATION PROCESS/TIMELINE



Registration forms and one-page class descriptions will be available January 20th in the commons area.



Student/parents will review, complete, and sign the registration form and return it to the basket in the counselor's office on or before February 4th.



Students applying for the courses with the appropriate pre-requisites will be registered for the course(s).



Students will be notified of classes that will not make due to lack of interest and advised of recommendations from the AP Committee if there is an academic concern.



Students applying for 4 or more classes will be contacted by Mrs. Stone for a parent/student meeting.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

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- Deciding on which and how many AP courses a student should take is a team effort that includes students, parents, and teachers.
- AP classes are yearlong commitments.
- Data such as class grades and PSAT scores can be a great indicator of potential success but are not the only factors to consider.
- Motivation, time management, and determination are factors that while hard to measure, can drastically affect success in AP classes as well as college.

AP NIGHT

- AP night will be on Thursday, January 20th in the theatre at 6:00.
- Come join us and meet the teachers, ask questions, and get information on what it means to be an AP student at Perry High School.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AP CLASSES:

If you have any questions about specific classes and can't attend AP night, please see the following AP teachers or Mrs. Stone in the front office.

- AP Computer Science: Mr. Dunbar
- AP Language: Mrs. Jackson
- AP Literature: Mrs. Bray
- AP Biology: Mrs. Conner
- AP Environmental: Mrs. Barajas

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AP CLASSES:

- AP Calculus: Mrs. Gentry
- AP Statistics: Mrs. Frank
- AP Chemistry: Dr. Knapek
- AP World & AP Psychology: Dr. Herbert
- AP Macroeconomics: Mr. Dooley
- AP US History: Mrs. Anderson
- AP Studio Art & Design: Mrs. Walker
- AP Music Theory: Mr. Hursey