

# Advanced Placement Courses

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## Why take AP classes?

Students should take AP coursework because they:

- Are interested in receiving the most rigorous instruction offered in that subject area
- Are intrinsically motivated
- Have a growth mindset
- Want to build their skill set
  - Soft skills such as time management
  - Content specific skills through challenging coursework
- Want to get into and succeed in college
  - 85% of selective colleges and universities report that completion of AP coursework impacts admission decisions!
  - Seeing repeated rigorous coursework offerings on your high school transcript is extremely attractive to colleges. In many regards, this takes precedence over GPA
  - Most large schools, private schools, magnet schools, and charter schools offer 20-25 AP courses.
- Are prepared to study independently
  - Outside of homework assigned by instructor and course textbook, study materials suggested are –
    - AP study guides: Princeton Review and Barron's are recommended publishers. These are \$5-10 at used bookstore and \$20-25 new on Amazon
    - YouTube - vast amount of resources from other students, pro tutors, veteran instructors, and College Board
    - AP Classroom

## Current AP Offerings and Exam Fees

COURSE	TEACHER	EXAM FEE	SUBSIDIZED RATE	TEST DATE (students are required to report 30 min early)
Biology	Henard	\$100	\$40	Wed, May 10 @ 12:00pm
Calculus AB	Johnson	\$100	\$40	Mon, May 8 @ 8:00am
Chemistry	Woods	\$100	\$40	Monday, May 1 @ noon
English Literature	Lane	\$100	\$40	Wed, May 3 @ 8:00am
Human Geography	Tweed	\$100	\$40	Thu, May 4 @ 8:00am
Music Theory	Linkous	\$100	\$40	Friday, May 12 @ 8:00am
Physics	Horton	\$100	\$40	Thu, May 11 @ 12:00pm
Research	Pontius	\$150	\$110	Mon, May 1 @ 11:59pm (project submission deadline)
Seminar	Sells	\$150	\$110	Thu, May 4 @ 12:00pm
US Government	Baker	\$100	\$40	Mon, May 1 @ 8:00am
US History	Baker	\$100	\$40	Fri, May 5 @ 8:00am

*The following courses are offered through Niswonger Online: Art History, Computer Science, Environmental Science, English Language/Composition, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, and Statistics*

### **Paying for your exam – FINAL DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 23**

- *Subsidized students* – you must pay the \$40 testing payment in one payment
  - If taking AP Seminar & Research, subsidized students can pay a down payment of half (\$55) and remit remaining balance in January/February
- *Non-subsidized students* – you may pay your entire balance in one payment or may pay a down payment of half (\$50). Remaining balance will be due in January/February
- Dates you may remit payment to Mrs. Cope
  - Friday, Sept 2
  - Friday, Sept 9
  - Friday, Sept 16
  - Friday, Sept 23
- You may bring cash or check (payable to Cherokee High School with *AP test/student name* written on memo line) to room 402 between 8:00-11:00am

### **College Board Account**

- With this account you will:
  - Enroll in AP class sections
  - Access instructional resources throughout the year
  - Register for exams
  - Access scores and send to colleges
  - Access your AP ID (lifetime record)
- *DO NOT use your school "email"*. Use a personal email

### **Niswonger Online Students**

- Apply two join codes to your College Board account
  - Exam Only code for Cherokee
  - Class code from your online instructor