

Information on XL/Honors/Advanced Placement Classes

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Welcome

Jesuit High School is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as XL/Honors/Advanced Placement plays an important role in that success.



What We'll Cover

- What are XL/Honors/Advanced Placement® Courses?
- The benefits as well as the time/work demands of these courses
- Balancing course loads with co-curricular involvement
- Next steps: Help your child make the best choices
- Q & A

The Basics

- XL/Honors courses are High School level courses that provide a more rigorous presentation of material normally covered in a standard high school course.
- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school that reflect what is taught in most introductory college courses.
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- Depending on the college of attendance a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

Jesuit High School's XL/Honors Courses

- **English:** English 1XL; English 2XL
- **World Languages:** French 3 Honors/French 4 Honors; Latin 3 Honors; Spanish 1XL/Spanish 2XL/Spanish 3H
- **Mathematics:** Geometry XL; Algebra 2H; Pre-Calculus H
- **Sciences:** Biology XL

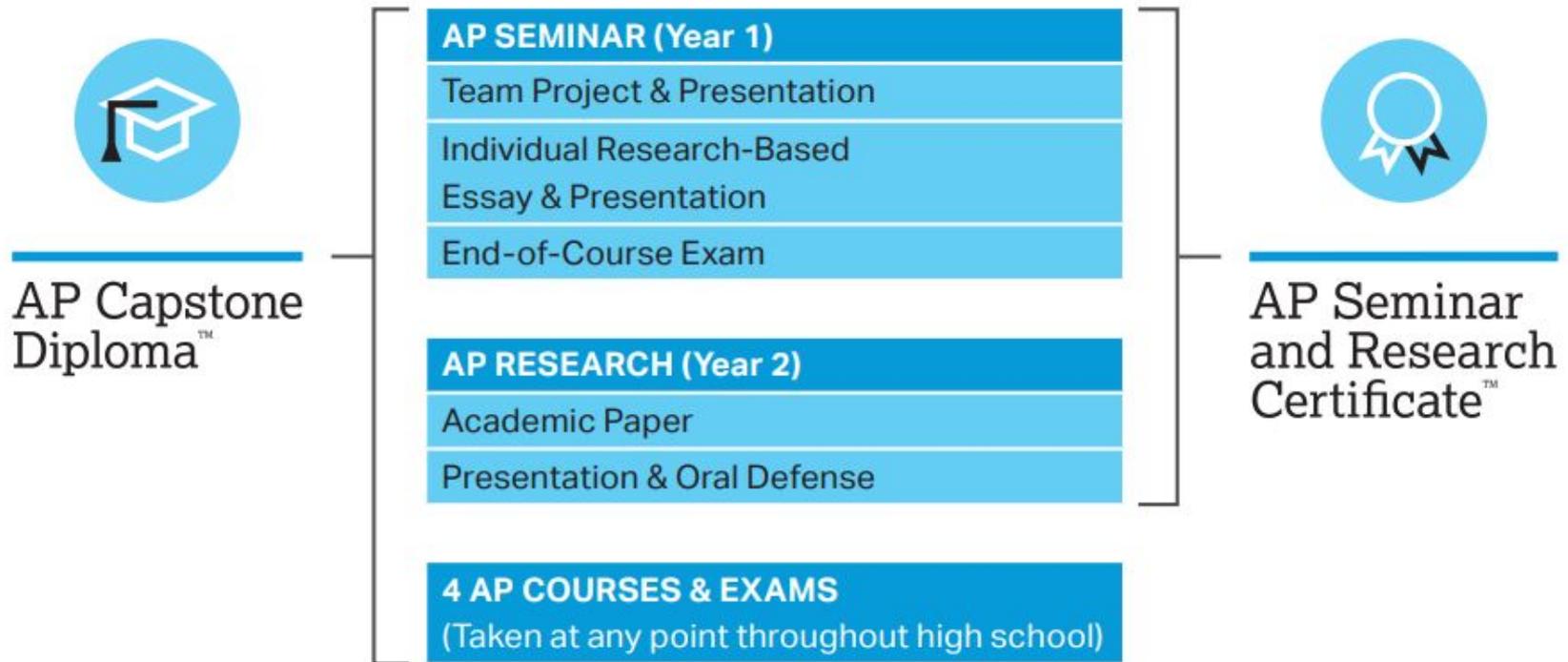
Jesuit High School's AP[®] Courses

- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, United States Government and Politics, United States History, Psychology
- **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2
- **Visual & Performing Arts:** Music Theory
- **World Languages:** Latin, Spanish Language

New: AP Capstone™

Elective AP courses: AP Seminar (10th or 11th grade)
AP Research (11th or 12th)

Interdisciplinary, inquiry-based



XL/Honors/AP[®] at Jesuit High School

- *Students must meet department criteria for placement into XL/Honors/AP courses at Jesuit.*
- Jesuit students took 695 AP Exams in 2018 up from 607.
- In 2018, Jesuit had 51 students recognized as AP Scholars (score of 3 or higher on 3 AP exams)
- In 2018, Jesuit had 28 students recognized as AP Scholars with Honors (avg. score of at least 3.25 or 3 or higher on 4 exams)
- In 2018, Jesuit had 40 students recognized as AP Scholars with distinction (avg. score of a least 3.5 or 3 or higher on 5 exams)
- In 2018, Jesuit had 6 students recognized as National AP Scholars (avg. score of a least 4 or higher on 8 or more exams)

XL/Honors/AP[®] : The Benefits

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking these courses is valued in the college admission process
- These courses provide a challenging and rewarding academic experience for high performing students
- AP courses provided an opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college
- All XL / Honors / AP courses receive a 1 point grade point bump

XL/Honors /AP[®] : A More Engaging Learning Experience

These courses challenge students to work and participate at a college level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

AP[®] Exams

AP Exams are administered at Jesuit on set dates in May each year.

- Most AP classes at Jesuit require that students take an AP Exam at the end of the school year.
- Students are not required to attend classes on days they are taking AP Exams.
- Exams are typically 2.5–3.5 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response

Jesuit High School AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2019-2020 school year is \$94 per exam for all traditional courses; AP Capstone fees are \$142 per exam. Tests must be ordered no later than November 1 for the 2019-2020 testing. Tests ordered after the deadline will be \$134.00 per exam.
- There is a \$40 per exam cancellation fee if a student opts out of taking an AP Exam after having signed up to take the exam. This fee is imposed by Collegeboard.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need:
 - Jesuit offers a \$30 fee reduction per exam for qualified students with financial need.

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>



The screenshot shows the College Board website's search interface for AP credit policies. The page is titled "AP[®] Credit Policy Info" and "Advanced Placement Program". It features a search bar with the text "Search by Keyword" and a "Go" button. Below the search bar, there are several tabs: "College Board Tools", "Find for College", "Find a College", "AP Credit Policy Info", and "Find for College". The "AP Credit Policy Info" tab is selected. The page content includes a search form with fields for "Country & State", "Exam Date", "Exam Grades", "Exam Scores", and "Contact Us". There is also a "Subjects" dropdown menu. The search results section is currently empty, with a message: "To begin your search, enter the name of the college or university or select a letter of the alphabet to find institutions that begin with that letter." The page footer includes the College Board logo and the text "© 2017 The College Board".

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

Time Management – A day in the life

A “typical day” for a student taking 3 or more AP courses and a major co-curricular activity/sport

- 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. School. Lunchtime spent tutoring, etc.
- 3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Practice (extra time on game/meet days)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Home and dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Homework
- 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Sleep

Also add in 8 hours of sleep!

Note: Weekends may also be taken up with travel to required events/games/performances related to these activities

Jesuit Offers Support for XL/Honors/AP[®] Students

Some AP Courses at Jesuit either offer or mandate study sessions outside of normal classroom hours to go over content and prepare students for taking exams.

Please pick up the course description for your course of interest before leaving tonight!

XL/Honors/AP[®] Courses: Start the Conversation

Which XL/Honors/ AP courses are right for me?

- Ask your counselor or teacher for advice about which classes would be the best for you
- Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you

What steps do I need to take?

- What are Jesuit's deadlines for applying for, appealing, or dropping an advanced level course?
- Talk with students who are taking or have taken these courses
- Find classmates you can rely on for study groups and notes when absent
- What can I do next to help me prepare for XL/Honors/AP course?

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart[™]
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement>

Questions

Thanks for coming this evening.