

# 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 coursework 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 and Honors

- XL/Honors courses are high school level courses that provide a more rigorous presentation of material normally covered in a standard high school course.
- Typically, XL courses are offered for freshmen and sophomores only.
- Honors level courses try to bridge the gap between accelerated and Advanced Placement courses (in Math and World Language, for example).

# Jesuit High School's XL/Honors Courses

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

# The Basics: AP<sup>®</sup>

- AP<sup>®</sup> 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

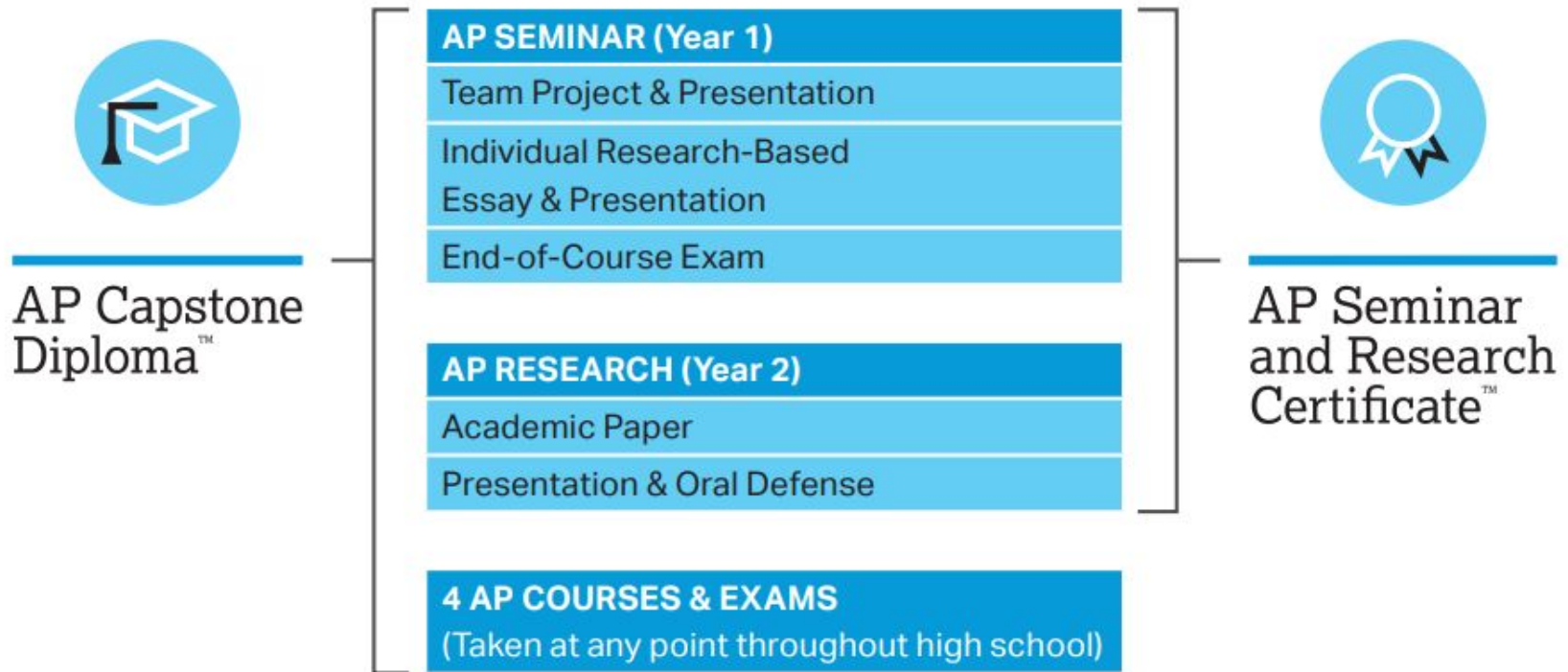
# Jesuit High School's AP<sup>®</sup> Courses

- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Human Geography, 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, French Language and Culture
- **Computer Sciences:** AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A

# AP Capstone™

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

Interdisciplinary, inquiry-based





# XL/Honors/AP<sup>®</sup> : 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<sup>®</sup> : 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2020-2021 school year is \$95 per exam for all traditional courses; AP Capstone fees are \$143 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 College Board.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need.

# Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP<sup>®</sup> 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>



- 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> : Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

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

# Questions

Thanks for coming this evening!

# XL/Honors/AP<sup>®</sup> at Jesuit High School

- *Students must meet department criteria for placement into XL/Honors/AP courses at Jesuit.*
- Jesuit students took 810 AP Exams in 2020 up from 768 in 2019
- In 2020, Jesuit had 64 students recognized as AP Scholars (score of 3 or higher on 3 AP exams)
- In 2020, 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 2020, Jesuit had 37 students recognized as AP Scholars with distinction (avg. score of a least 3.5 or 3 or higher on 5 exams)
- In 2020, Jesuit had 10 students recognized as National AP Scholars (avg. score of a least 4 or higher on 8 or more exams)