

# XL/Honors/Advanced Placement® Opportunities at Jesuit

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# Welcome

Jesuit High School is committed to every student's academic 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?
- Specific advanced course offerings at Jesuit
- The benefits as well as the time/work demands of these courses
- Next steps: Help your child make the best choices
- Resources

# 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 2H
- **World Languages:** French 3H; Latin 3H; Spanish 1XL/Spanish 2XL/Spanish 3H
- **Mathematics:** Geometry XL; Algebra 2H; Pre-Calculus H (*redesignated for 24-25*)
- **Sciences:** Biology XL
- **Visual & Performing Arts:** Honors Art Studio, Symphonic Band Honors, Orchestra Honors, Chamber Choir Honors\*, Jazz Band Honors\*

*\* Class takes place outside the standard 7-period school day.*

**All XL/Honors/AP courses earn honors GPA points for a student's Jesuit GPA. All Honors and AP designated classes except Algebra 2H and the VPA Honors courses are eligible for UC Honors points when students apply to the UC, up to a maximum of 8 semesters.**

# 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 and/or submit projects to the AP Digital Portfolio** at the end of the course, demonstrating their mastery of college-level work.
- Depending on a student's 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

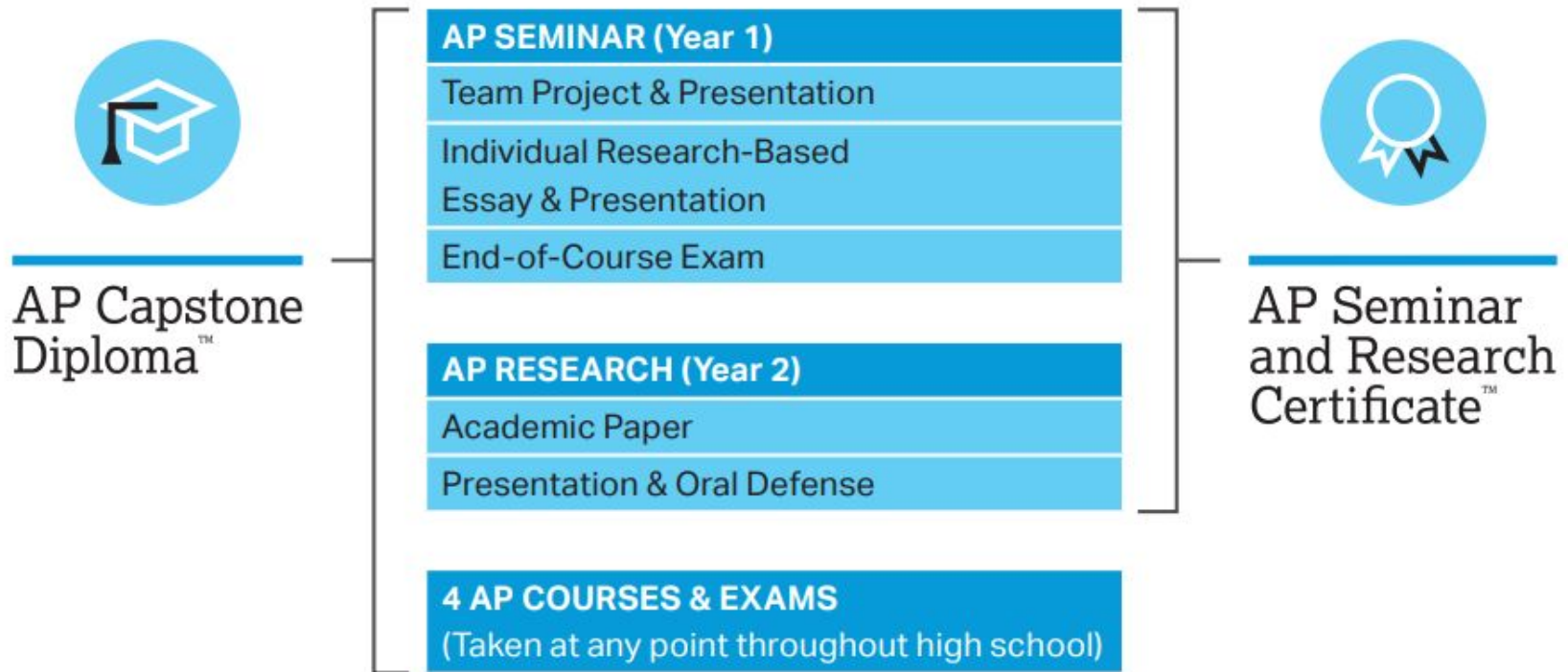
- **English:** English Language, English Literature
- **Social Sciences:** Human Geography, U.S. History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, U.S. Government & Politics, Psychology
- **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics *(new 22-23)*
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2, Environmental Science *(new 23-24)*
- **Visual & Performing Arts:** Music Theory, Drawing *(new 22-23)*, 2D Art and Design *(new 23-24)*
- **World Languages:** Spanish Language, French Language
- **Computer Science:** Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A
- **Capstone:** Seminar, Research



# AP Capstone™

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

Interdisciplinary, inquiry-based





# 2023 AP Performance at a Glance

- 359 Jesuit students took 867 AP Exams
- 63 students recognized as AP Scholars (score of 3 or higher on 3 AP exams)
- 20 students recognized as AP Scholars with Honors (avg. score of at least 3.25 on 4 exams)
- 60 students recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction (avg. score of a least 3.5 on 5 exams)
- 9 students earned an AP Capstone Diploma, and 2 earned the AP Seminar and AP Research Certificate

# AP School Honor Roll and AP Access Award

New College Board distinctions celebrating student access to and success in AP course, like being on the ***Gold Honor Roll***:

**70% of seniors** have taken an AP course at Jesuit.

**54% of seniors** have earned an AP exam score of 3 or better on at least one exam.

**31% of seniors** have taken at least 5 AP courses during their time at Jesuit.

Additionally, we have been recognized with the ***AP Access Award*** which recognizes that students from underrepresented populations have **proportional or better enrollment** in AP courses.



**AP<sup>®</sup> School  
Honor Roll**

**2023**



# AP<sup>®</sup> Exams

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

- AP classes at Jesuit require that students take the corresponding 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 and free response components.

# Jesuit High School AP<sup>®</sup> Exam Fees

- The exam fee for the 2023-2024 school year is \$98 per exam for all traditional courses; AP Capstone fees are \$146 per exam.
- Exam registration and payment all takes place in the fall (September-November).
- There is a \$40 per exam cancellation fee if a student cancels an AP Exam after having signed up to take the exam. This fee is imposed by College Board. The same fee applies for late exam orders.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need.

# College 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



# 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 advanced placement in college
- All XL / Honors / AP courses receive a 1 point grade point bump (e.g. a B earns 4 grade points rather than 3)

# 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, use of evidence, balancing multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications



# 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/Community Period 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. – 10:00 p.m. Homework
- 10:00 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?**

- Review the catalog for descriptions and prerequisites.
- Ask your counselor or teacher for advice about which classes would be the best for you.
- Attend any available information sessions or meetings for classes.

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

# Questions?

Thanks for watching this evening!



Stay tuned for the main presentation from the  
Counseling Department, starting soon!