

The AP Grading System

Each AP grade is a weighted combination of the student's score on the multiple-choice section and on the free-response section. The final grade is reported on a 5-point scale:

- 5 - Extremely well qualified**
- 4 - Well qualified**
- 3 - Qualified**
- 2 - Possibly qualified**
- 1 - No recommendation**

AP composite score cut points are set so that the highest score for an AP grade of 5 is equivalent to the average score for college students earning grades of A. Each college decides which AP Exam grades it will accept for credit or advanced placement or both; most accept grades of 3 and above. The procedures and standards for setting AP grades are maintained from year to year so that the value of AP grades is consistent. The awarding of credit and placement is determined by each college or university and students should verify AP credit and placement policies with individual institutions. Dunlap and other college web pages have a wealth of information to help you.

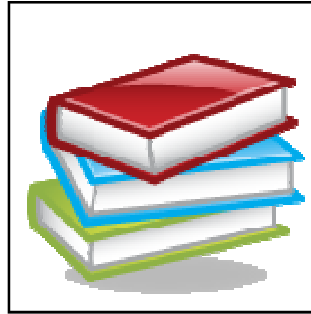
AP Exam Results

AP Grade Reports are sent in July, by the College Board, to each student's home, high school, and any college(s) designated by the student. At the time of the exam, students can indicate if they would like a college to receive their grade. After the exam, they can write to the AP Program and request that the grade be sent to other colleges as well. Students may also cancel or withhold a grade by written request to AP Services. The grade reports are cumulative and include grades for all the AP exams a student has taken.

In addition to excellent classroom experiences, Dunlap High School offers support services for students through our counseling department. Teachers are available before/after school to help students develop their analysis and writing skills.

Student Preparation

Some courses have required work to be completed in the summer before the course meets.



*Additional information concerning the AP Program can be found at:
<http://www.collegeboard.com>*

(Adapted from the College Board brochure)

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The AP Program

Dunlap High School offers 10 Advanced Placement courses providing students the opportunity to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Through this program, they may earn credit, advanced placement, or both, for college.

STUDENT BENEFITS

STUDENTS STUDY IN GREATER DEPTH.

Students who take AP courses learn a subject in greater depth, develop analytical reasoning skills, and form disciplined study habits that can contribute to continued success at the college level. Because the AP teachers at Dunlap teach other courses and work as curriculum members, the AP Program strengthens our entire curriculum.

95% OF DUNLAP STUDENTS ATTEND COLLEGE.

Taking an AP course gives students a college experience while still within the intense high school support structure.

STUDENTS IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES OF BEING ACCEPTED BY THE COLLEGE OF THEIR CHOICE.

College admissions personnel view AP experience as one indicator of future success at the college level. As college admissions become more selective, participation in an AP course is a great advantage.

STUDENTS ARE OFTEN EXEMPTED FROM INTRODUCTORY COURSES AT COLLEGE.

Most colleges and universities in the United States, as well as colleges and universities in 24 other countries, accept AP grades. Course exemption gives students time to broaden their college experience by exploring additional subject areas, participating in internships, and studying abroad.

STUDENTS MAY BE GRANTED SOPHOMORE STANDING.

Students earning satisfactory grades on enough AP exams may be granted a full year's credit by their college or university.

What Does It Cost?

The fee for AP Exams is set by the College Board. The fee for 2010-2011 is \$ 87 for each exam. Although it is not required, most Dunlap students take the AP exam at the end of the course.

Who Creates AP Exams?

AP Course Descriptions and AP Exams are prepared by College Board Development Committees comprised of college and university faculty and experienced AP teachers from around the world. These committees are assisted by content experts from Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each year the Development Committees set specifications and develop new versions of the exams.

Exam Format

The AP exams are given at Dunlap High School according to the College Board guidelines. All AP exams contain an essay or problem-solving section as well as a multiple-choice section. Foreign language and music theory exams also include listening and speaking portions. Studio Art exams are based on a portfolio. Exams range from two to three hours in length.

How Are the Exams Graded?

The multiple-choice section of the exam is scored by computer. The free-response booklets are evaluated by faculty consultants comprised of selected college professors and AP teachers.

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Advanced Biology	Advanced Chemistry
Calculus	French 4
Literature and Composition	Language and Composition
Psychology	Spanish 5
U.S. History	2D Design Art
Physics B	

2012 AP Exam Schedule

Exams are administered on a schedule set by the College Board, usually the first two weeks in May.

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Mon., May 7	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
Tues., May 8	Computer Science A Spanish Language	Art History
Wed., May 9	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language & Culture
Thurs., May 10	English Literature	Japanese Language & Culture Latin: Vergil
Fri., May 11	US History German Language Studio Art (portfolios due)	European History
Mon., May 14	Biology Music Theory	Physics B Physics C: Mechanics Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism - 2:00 p.m.
Tues., May 15	US Govt. and Politics	Comparative Govt. And Politics French Language
Wed., May 16	English Language	Statistics
Thurs., May 17	Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics Italian Language
Fri., May 18	Human Geography Spanish Literature	

Morning exams begin at 8:00 a.m.; Afternoon exams begin at 12:00 p.m. Students taking exams that are scheduled for the same time slot must make arrangements to take one of the exams during the late testing administration. Students are expected to be in attendance for a full school day during exams.