

Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges. AP courses expose high school students to college level material and give students the opportunity to show that they have mastered the material by taking an AP exam. Colleges and universities may grant credit, placement or both to students who attained a level specified by the institution. College and university policies regarding Advanced Placement grades are not consistent. Students seeking college credit through AP are advised to obtain the college's AP policy.

Students can benefit from taking AP courses by learning a subject in greater depth, developing skills that will be critically important to successful study in college and demonstrating to colleges their willingness to undertake a challenging course. Students take AP courses and exams for several reasons, including the challenge, the money and time saved and the opportunities that can unfold as a result. The entering college student who has been given AP recognition can take advanced courses, explore different subject areas, enter honors and other special programs, pursue double majors and even complete undergraduate requirements early.

In Appleton, students self-select into AP courses. *Please be aware that all AP courses use college-level curriculum, materials, assessment, and homework.* All students taking AP courses will be encouraged to take the corresponding AP exam.

Each exam has a multiple-choice section and a free response (essay, problems, etc.) section. Scores on the AP test include: 5 (extremely well qualified), 4 (well qualified), 3 (qualified), 2 (possibly qualified), and 1 (no recommendation). A student who earns a grade 3 or better on an AP exam is generally considered qualified to receive credit for the equivalent course at one of the 2,900 colleges and universities that give credit for AP exams.

In the Appleton Area School District, registration for AP Exams will take place during February. The non-refundable fee of approximately \$93.00 is due at the time of registration. The College Board offers a \$29.00 per exam credit and the district pays the remaining fee for qualified students with documented financial need. The AP exams are administered during May. Students with special needs can be accommodated but must discuss any necessary nonstandard exam conditions with the AP coordinator before registering. For further information, please contact the district AP coordinator at 832-4604.

The following chart indicates which AP courses are offered at Appleton high schools:

Classes	AP Exam
AP American Studies [AP Engl Lang & Comp/ AP U.S. History] (3060)	U.S. History/English Language and Composition
AP Art History (3490)	Art History
AP Biology (4180)	Biology
AP Calculus AB (9500) / BC (9550)	Calculus AB or BC
AP Chemistry (4250)	Chemistry
Computer Sci and Software Engineering - PLTW (9540)	Computer Science Principles
AP English Lang & Comp [AP Am Lit & Comp] (1120)	English Language and Composition
AP English Lit & Comp [AP World Lit & Comp] (1270)	English Literature and Composition
AP French (2225)/CAPP (204)	French Language
AP German (2425)/CAPP (204)	German Language
AP Gov. and Politics: U.S. & Comparative (3400)	Government & Politics: Comparative
AP Macroeconomics (3465)	Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics (3460)	Microeconomics
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based (4560)	Physics B or C
AP Psychology (3320)	Psychology
AP Spanish (2620)/CAPP (204)	Spanish Language
AP Statistics (9520)	Statistics
AP U.S. History (3050)	U.S. History
AP World History (3150)	World History and /or European History

In addition, the following AP exams are available, although Appleton does not offer the corresponding AP courses:

Chinese Lang. and Culture	Environ. Science	European History
French Literature	Government and Politics: US	Human Geography
Italian Lang. and Culture	Japanese Lang. and Culture	Latin: Lit. or Vergil
Music Theory	Spanish Literature	Studio Art