

The Advanced Placement® (AP®) provides numerous opportunities as follows.

Reasons to take an AP® Course:

- **First College Experience-** What do you want your first college experience to be like? Would you rather have a class of 80-200 people in a lecture hall, where the instructor barely knows your name and assumes you have learned the skills to be successful? Or would you rather have a small class of 4-10 students where the instructor knows you and can personally teach you skills to be successful in class? You are attending Primacy as you or your parents wish you to attend a western style college- what are you doing to ready yourself for this experience?
- **Do you have the Skills Needed for College?** - The number one reason to take an AP® Course is to prepare for college. Teachers will take the time with you to teach you writing skills, reading skills, problem solving skills, and thinking skills. University teachers assume you have already mastered these skills and may not take class time to teach you these skills. Yes AP® Courses are a lot of work but they teach you how to succeed in college.
- **Impress College Recruiters-** Colleges are not just interested in your grades but also the type and difficulty of classes you took in high school. More difficult classes with slightly lower grades will impress colleges more than easy classes with high grades. Know that 85% of colleges in the United States look at AP® courses when choosing who they will accept. Course selection of electives and difficult courses is one of the Primacy Twelve that help TPCA students get into college.
- **APID Award-** Advanced Placement® International Diploma- With the addition of additional courses in the Fall of 2016 at TPCA, it is now possible for students to qualify for the APID Award with the College Board®. This level of achievement will help impress college recruiters of your academic maturation and help you get into the college of your dreams. It is also a good resume builder to show the breadth of your studies. Out of the AP® course offerings, you need 2 language courses, 1 Math/Science, 1 Global Perspective, 1 Elective course of your choice.
- **Finish College Faster-** At most colleges you will take somewhere between 14-18 credit hours each quarter/semester (the number of hours you are in class each week). Many of our AP® Courses are equivalent to courses between 2-8 credit hours. Taking multiple AP® Courses and passing the AP® exams can save you half a quarter/semester upwards to two quarters/semesters letting you finish college earlier. Many AP® Courses meet General Education (GEs) requirements of classes NOT in your major discipline but needed to graduate college. Consider taking AP® Courses to get many of your GEs out of the way.
- **Take Multiple Majors-** A little known secret about colleges today is that a single major and focus may not be enough in tomorrow's workforce. Cross-disciplinary education with multiple majors and minors will prepare you better for the workplace; for instance mixing law with medicine to become a lawyer with a focus on healthcare. Taking AP® Courses and passing the exam will save you time and make taking a multi-discipline approach easier with other majors or minors. Thus you can finish your Bachelors degrees faster and start on your Masters or Doctorate sooner.

- **Save Money in College-** Colleges are expensive and continually get more expensive as the tuition is raised each year. In the 2015/2016 school year private universities tuition averaged \$32,405 USD in the United States. With room and board added to the tuition this jumps to \$43,921 USD a year or more. State run colleges in the United States averaged in the 2015/2016 school year \$23,893 tuition and with room and board \$34,031 USD, (Trends in College Pricing 2015, College Board). International students usually pay an addition fee on top of normal tuition. Taking AP® courses cuts down the time you need to be at college and can save you several thousand dollars per AP® exam passed.

Well-prepared Primacy Students would benefit by completing at least one AP® Course by their Senior Year!

We will offer the following AP® Courses for the 2015/2016 School Year:

- AP® Calculus AB: Equals a one semester course at most colleges for the first calculus sequence. Our capstone class in mathematics. Prerequisites: PreCalculus, Algebra II, Geometry. (4th most popular AP® Exam).
- AP® Chemistry: Equals the GE requirement for a laboratory science course at most colleges. For science majors will help students take second year courses their first year. Our capstone class in science. This course explores inquiry based science and will develop skills in data collection, analyzation, and mathematical application. Perquisites: Chemistry and Algebra II. (12th most popular AP® Exam).
- AP® Chinese Language and Culture: Equals a one semester Language course at the fourth semester (Sophomore) level at most colleges in the United States. The course is split between mastering a college level of Mandarin communication skills across interpersonal communication, calligraphy, essay writing, and reading, and the course surveys the richness of Chinese culture. Prerequisites: Completed Mandarin III or Instructors Assessment of Skills. (Historically TPCA's most popular advanced course).
- AP® English Language and Composition: Generally equals a one semester required writing course at most colleges. Focuses on analyzing non-fiction texts, analytical and expository writing. (1st most popular AP® Exam).
- AP® Government and Politics- United States: Equals a one semester introductory government course and meets most colleges' constitutional requirements for their General Education requirements. Fulfills AAA US Government requirement. Prerequisites: United States History. (5th most popular AP® Exam).
- AP® United States History: Equals a full year or two semesters and usually meets the history or constitutional requirements of most colleges' General Education requirements. Focuses on thinking skills of technical primary document reading skills, advanced writing skills, and a thematic survey of United States History. No prerequisites. (2nd most popular AP® Exam)
- AP® Studio Art:- Drawing: Equals an introductory college level course. Students will compile over the course of the school year both a digital and a physical portfolio of artwork to be assessed by the College Board®. Students will learn advanced art skills in line quality, shading, depth, and surface manipulation over multiple mediums. No prerequisites.
- AP® World History: Equals a full year or two semesters and usually meets the history requirement of most colleges' General Education requirements. Focuses on thinking skills of

technical primary document reading skills, advanced writing skills, explores five themes of long term civilizations and cultures. No prerequisites. (7th most popular AP® Exam)

Please feel free to ask any questions of why an AP® Course might be a good option for you. Talk to any AP® Teacher, the AP® Coordinator, or the Registrar for questions about the AP® Program.

Also please visit the College Board's website for AP® Students for more information about each course, and their benefits at each college you may be interested in enrolling at:
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

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