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Rewards of Taking AP Courses

- * Let colleges know that you're serious about your education. Having AP on your transcript shows you're prepared to challenge yourself with rigorous course work.
- * Learn what's expected of you in college and develop the skills to get the most out of your college experience.

AP and Your Future

- * For colleges, AP is a sign you can really apply yourself to higher-level studies.
- * An AP course taken in high school could help you pick your major.
- * AP courses can help you turn the subjects that interest you into a fulfilling career.

GOWANDA HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

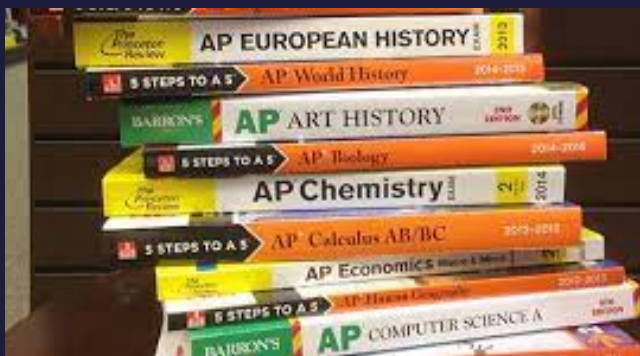


What is the Advanced Placement Program?

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program allows students to take rigorous college level courses while still in high school. Students may earn college credit and/or advanced placement into upper level college courses by taking AP exams. Many colleges and universities recognize AP courses when making admissions decisions.

AP Exams and College Credit

Each AP course has a corresponding assessment through which students may earn college credit. Participating high schools administer the AP exams each May according to a specific schedule. All AP course exams, except those in studio art, contain multiple-choice questions and a free-response section (either essay or problem solving). Studio art courses have portfolio assessments.

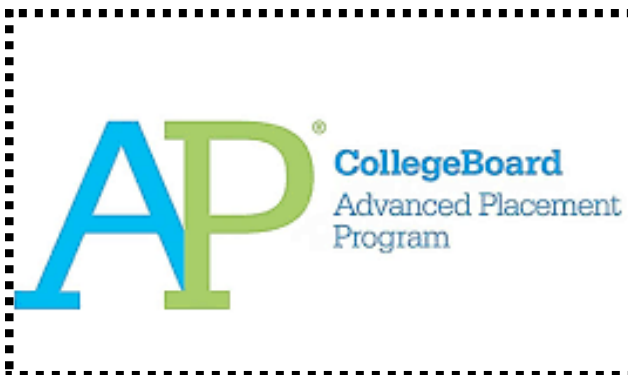


Do students have to pay to take the test?

Students must pay for the exam. The cost of the AP exam in 2026 was \$90. However, qualifying low-income students may receive a fee reduction which allows them to pay less than the full amount. Students should communicate with their counselor about the fee reduction program.

Is the AP test mandatory?

No, the College Board does not mandate that all students take exams. However, most students enrolled in AP classes do take the exams in order to earn college credit/advanced placement in college courses or both.



How many colleges accept AP grades?

Most colleges and universities in the U.S. have an Advanced Placement policy granting incoming students credit and/or placement for qualifying AP exam grades. For information on colleges that offer credit or placement for AP scores: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

How do I get involved with the AP program?

The AP program is open to any high school student. During course selection, students just need to communicate to their school counselor which AP course(s) they would like to take.

Which AP courses are available at GHS?

AP World History: Modern
AP US History
AP US Government & Politics
AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
AP Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio

Course descriptions are in the GHS Program Guide