

Advanced Placement Exam Q&A

What is the AP Program?

The Advanced Placement Program is designed by the College Board to provide motivated and academically-prepared high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. The two components of the program are **AP Courses** and **AP Exams**. There are over 35 courses/exams offered in a wide variety of subjects. Most colleges and universities will grant college credit for successful AP exam scores.

Does Seton School participate in the AP Program?

Yes, each May Seton School offers AP Exams to interested students. Due to many constraints however, Seton School does not offer AP Courses.

What are the benefits of taking AP Exams?

AP Exams are scored on a 5-point scale. A score of 3 or higher corresponds to a passing grade in a comparable college course. Many colleges and universities in the U.S. grant college credit, advanced placement, or both based on good AP Exam scores. (Please consult individual colleges for their policies.)

Earning college credit or advanced placement can allow students more flexibility to double major, study abroad, or graduate early. Participating in the AP Program can also help students to stand out in the college admissions process.

Who should consider taking AP Exams?

High school students (typically 10th-12th graders) who are doing well in certain subjects **and are willing to do some independent study** should consider preparing for the corresponding AP Exam(s). Students typically take AP subject exams in May of the same year in which they take the corresponding class at Seton.

Which exams are offered to our Seton Students?

The following is a list of AP exams typically offered at Seton, along with the corresponding Seton course. If a student is interested in taking an AP exam not listed below, Seton may be able to offer the exam. The student should consult with the classroom teacher and with the AP Coordinator as soon as possible.

AP English Language and Composition—junior and senior level English classes

AP English Literature and Composition—English 12 (in some cases, English 11)

AP European History —History of the 20th Century Europe

AP U.S. History—American History

AP U.S. Government and Politics—American Government

AP Calculus AB—Calculus

AP Precalculus - Precalculus

AP Chemistry – Chemistry II

Do colleges and universities accept all AP exams for course credit?

No. Colleges and Universities differ in which AP exams they accept for course credit. Information on which AP exams are accepted and the corresponding scores necessary for course credit and advanced standing is often posted online on a college's admissions page.

How should I prepare for AP Exams?

Obtain an AP preparation book and begin studying it as you progress through your coursework at Seton. The College Board website offers ways to prepare for the exam such as sample exam questions and video lessons. Try to find other Seton students interested in taking the exam and form a study group to keep you focused during the school year.

How well do Seton students perform on the AP exams?

Most of the exams taken at Seton School in recent years earned a score of 3 or higher. Additionally, nearly every year Seton students have achieved AP Scholar Awards.

Where can I learn more about the AP Program?

Log onto www.collegeboard.com/student and click on "AP" under College Board Tests.

How do I order AP Exams and what is the cost?

Seton School must place exam orders in November, and the fee is \$98 per exam. The registration deadline is Monday, November 13, 2023. It is possible for Mrs. Reyes to place a late exam order until March 15, 2023, but there will be an additional fee of \$40 for every late exam. Further instructions, including the "Join A Class" step, are on the registration form.

If you have other AP questions, please contact Mrs. Reyes (smreyes595@gmail.com, 540-683-1942).