

## Virtual AP Courses

AP Biology  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Chemistry  
AP English Literature  
AP Human Geography

### When are courses offered?

Classes are held twice a week. Some start times are at 7:45 AM with some having 3:30 PM starts. They are supplemented with tutorials, labs and field activities.

**Information and class times are available on the AVRSB AP website.**

### What are the participation criteria?

There are a number of personal traits that each student should consider when enrolling in a virtual AP program.

- An honours or good academic standing in the prerequisite courses.
- The ability to learn independently.
- Good time management skills. On-line courses give you a greater freedom to schedule your courses but students must show good self-discipline.
- Basic computer skills and an understanding of Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint.
- The ability to communicate in writing as much of the course will be offered without face-to-face contact.
- Read and understand a textbook or online sources without a great deal of help.
- The ability to follow directions is important for those enrolled in on-line courses.

### Testaments from Former AP Students

“AP is a huge help, and a big load off my shoulders. ....everything we've covered so far at university was covered much more thoroughly in the AP course. My AP experience was definitely helpful to me”

“I just wanted to say thanks for putting the AP class online, it helped me so much, and also got me used to working independently. It's such a great opportunity.”

“I found that I became a tutor to other first year students at university. The material I learned in the AP course enabled me to be far ahead of other students in my course.”

“What surprised me was in how many different university courses that my AP courses became a help ... business, sociology, psychology and recreation.”

### Where can I find more information on Advanced Placement programs?

#### Explore AP for Students

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap>

#### AP Canada Website

[www.apcanada.collegeboard.org](http://www.apcanada.collegeboard.org)

#### AVRSB AP Website

<http://www.avrsbvap.myavrsb.ca/>

It is not just a test.....

It is not just a course ...

It is a program .....

..... a challenge to excel

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**an investment in your  
child's future.**



The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board offers a video conferencing course where Advanced Placement courses are taught over the internet to students in smaller schools not capable of sustaining in-school AP courses. It is an attempt to provide an enriched curriculum in such area as Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Literature and Human Geography.



## AP FAQ's

### What is the AP Program?

The AP program allows students to pursue college level studies while still in high school. Through this program, they may earn credit, advanced placement, or both for university.

### How do students benefit?

**Students study in greater depth.** AP courses allow the student to learn the subject in greater depth, make connections with larger concepts, develop analytical reasoning skills and form disciplined study habits which all lead to greater success at university.

**Students improve their chances of being accepted to a university of their choice.** University admissions personnel view the AP experience as one indicator of future success at the university level. It is also very beneficial to those applying for scholarships as AP courses are considered more rigorous courses. As admissions become more selective, participation in an AP course is a great advantage.

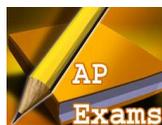
**Students are often exempted from introductory courses at college.** Over 90% of the universities and colleges in North America, as well as universities in 19 other countries, use AP grades. Often exemptions are granted and this allows students time to broaden their university experience by exploring additional subject areas to enhance their program of studies.

**Students are in classes with their peers who share intellectual curiosity in the course content.** This type of a learning environment promotes lively discussion and allows the course content to be taught at a high level that can be understood by all participants.

### How does a student decide if they are prepared to consider the AP Program?

A student must analyze the high school courses they have taken already in order to make sure they have the foundation courses needed for the student to be successful in the AP course being considered. Students should select an AP course based upon their academic ability and their willingness to meet the challenges of a rigorous course. A student must be capable of working independently in order to meet the goals of the course.

### How are the exams graded?



The multiple choice section of the exam is scored by a computer. The free-response booklets are evaluated by faculty consultants comprised of selected college professors and AP teachers. Each exam is graded on a 5-point basis.

- 5 – Extremely Well Qualified
- 4 – Well Qualified
- 3 – Qualified
- 2 – Possibly Qualified
- 1 – No recommendation

### Who receives an AP credit at university?

Each university has their own AP policy which is published on most university websites or can be found at <http://apcanada.collegeboard.org/>.

Acceptance marks range from 3 – 5 depending on the university and the faculty. Applicants should check with the university to which they plan to apply for further information.

### What is the cost of the exam?

The cost of each exam is \$91US and is currently funded by the AVRSB. This is quite inexpensive when one considers the cost of a university credit.



### Will taking an AP course lower a students' average?

It has been found that students achieve the same mark they might achieve in any advanced course. Universities look favorably on those students who accept the challenge of AP courses when considering scholarship and entrance.

### When are the exams written?



The AP exams are written the first two weeks of May at Horton High. Teachers will assign a mark for the course which will be indicated on the June report card and transcript. The College Board will mail the AP exam result to the student in early July. When completing the test answer sheet students are given the opportunity to indicate to which university they want their mark sent. This will be done automatically or a student may send the mark at a later date for a nominal fee. **The AP Exam is totally separate from the course mark and is not on the NS transcript.**

### What is the AP Scholar Program?



The Advanced Placement Scholar program awards a certificate to students who have achieved certain grades on 3 or more AP courses. More information can be found at:

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/awards/ap-scholar>