

Advanced Placement Exam Registration: January 16 to March 26, 2018

What are AP exams?

AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates each May. Exams usually last around three hours. Each AP Exam usually consists of multiple-choice questions and free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response).



Why should I consider taking an AP exam?

Reason #1: College Credit

Almost all two- and four-year colleges and universities in the United States offer credit <u>and/or</u> advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores.

<u>Credit</u>: Students earn credit toward their college degrees.

<u>Advanced placement</u>: Students can skip introductory courses and move directly into higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.

Reason #2: Increased College Success

A recent study* showed that students who earned a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam had higher first-year college grade point averages and were more likely to return for the second year of college than non-AP students of similar ability.

Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is available at:

https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies

AP Credit Policy Search

Find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. Begin your search by entering the name of the institution below. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, be sure to check the institution's website.



Reason #3: Save Money

Students who take five years or more to graduate can spend \$8,000 to \$27,000 for each additional year in college.

- The typical college cost per year for a four-year public institution is \$8,142 for in-state students and \$19,670 for out-of-state students.*
- Students attending private institutions might expect to incur \$27,389 for each additional year it takes to earn a bachelor's degree.*

How do I register for an AP exam?

AP Exam fee for 2018 is \$94 per exam.

Pick up a registration form at your school, fill it out, and return it to your school bookkeeper.

Do you qualify for free or reduced priced lunch? If you qualify for free or reduced priced lunch, you can take the AP exam for free due to a fee reduction from the College Board and a grant from the United Way of Central Iowa.

You must register BEFORE March 26. This is the final deadline for signing up!

*If you register for an exam, but don't show up on the exam date, you will be charged a \$15.00 unused test fee.
This applies to <u>all</u> students, regardless of financial status.

How do I find out my AP exam scores?

AP exams are taken in May and graded in June. Scores are reported online in July.

AP exam scores are uploaded into Infinite Campus so you always have access to your assessment information.

AP Exam scores are **NOT** a part of your school transcript.

Unlike the ACT and SAT exam scores which are automatically reported to colleges and universities, <u>you decide</u> if and when you choose to report your AP exam score(s) to colleges and universities.