

WHAT OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR AP COURSES AT YALE



The Advanced Placement Program

What is Advanced Placement?

The advanced Placement Program enables students to take university-level courses and exams while they are still in Secondary School. Through AP courses, students learn to think critically, construct solid arguments, and see many sides of issues that prepare them for college and beyond. The National exam given at the end of the school year (May) is a measurement of your child's acquired knowledge in a particular subject area. However, the exam has bearing only for post-secondary credit and does not impact your child's school grade.

In order to obtain advanced placement and/or credit status at a participating college or university, a student will need to write the AP exams(s) of their choice. Also, students need to check with the post-secondary institution of their choice to see whether AP exams are accepted and what AP exam grade is needed to gain credit and/or advanced placement for a particular course. The following link to the AP transfer guide for BC post-secondary institutions allows you to view what institutions offer credits for various AP courses: <http://www.bctransferguide.ca/search/ap>

The cost to students for each AP exam they take is \$130.00 for exams ordered by October 31st, and \$165.00 per exam ordered between November 1st and March 1st.

To facilitate a smooth collection of funds and ensure accurate ordering of exams for those taking them, payment must be made in your School Cash Account prior to the above order dates.

If your child should opt not to take the AP exam after orders have been placed, they will incur a \$55.00 AP College Board cancellation fee per exam. The remaining balance of your payment will be returned to you.

For hardship cases, the AP College Board offers a fee reduction for eligible students with financial need as determined by the AP College Board.

What are the advantages of AP?

Global Recognition!

In addition to almost all universities in the U.S. and Canada, over 4,000 universities in more than 60 countries use AP Exam scores for admissions, course credits, and/or advanced placement.

It's Rigorous!

AP courses are designed as introductory-level university experiences, based on a learner-centric, rigorous methodology.

It's Effective!

Research shows that AP students are more likely to succeed in college: Students who earned a 3 or higher on an AP Exam earned higher first-year and fourth-year GPAs in college than non-AP students of similar abilities and backgrounds.

It's Adaptable!

AP courses allow the flexibility to integrate with existing curricula and standards.

It's Empowering!

AP allows students to choose their path. AP is a significant indicator of subject interest: 20.3% of students who took an AP Exam in Biology or Environmental Sciences majored in Biological and Biomedical Sciences, while only 8.4% of the total group of students did so.

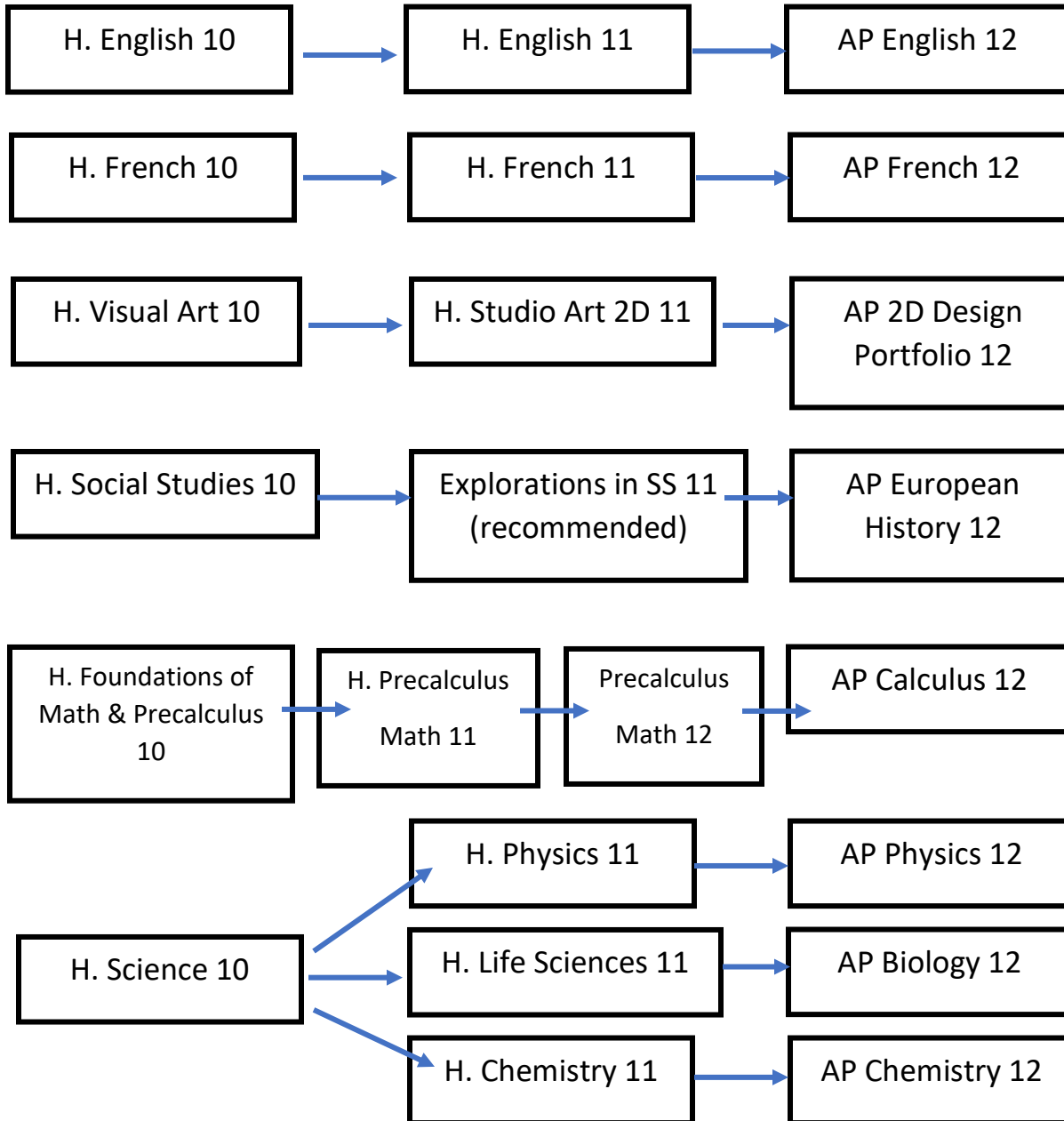
It's Accessible!

AP is cost-effective for students and schools.

It's Innovative!

AP continues to be at the forefront of educational innovation.

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For more info, see these web sites:

- <http://www.ap.ca/>
- <http://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement>
- <http://cb.org/intlrecognition>

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