

XL/Honors/Advanced Placement® Opportunities at Jesuit

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Welcome

Jesuit High School is committed to every student's academic success.

We believe access to rigorous coursework such as XL/Honors/Advanced Placement plays an important role in that success.



What We'll Cover

- What are XL/Honors/Advanced Placement® courses?
- Specific advanced course offerings at Jesuit
- The benefits as well as the time/work demands of these courses
- Next steps: Help your child make the best choices
- Resources

The Basics: XL and Honors

- XL/Honors courses are high school level courses that provide a more rigorous presentation of material normally covered in a standard high school course.
- Typically, XL courses are offered for freshmen and sophomores only.
- Honors level courses try to bridge the gap between accelerated and Advanced Placement courses (in Math and World Language, for example).

Jesuit High School's XL/Honors Courses

- **English:** English 1XL; English 2H
- **World Languages:** French 3H; Spanish 1XL/Spanish 2XL/Spanish 3H
- **Mathematics:** Geometry XL; Algebra 2H; Pre-Calculus H; Calculus H
- **Sciences:** Biology XL
- **Visual & Performing Arts:** Honors Art Studio, Honors Symphonic Band, Honors Wind Ensemble, Honors String Orchestra, Honors Symphony Orchestra*, Honors Chamber Choir*, Jazz Band Honors*

* *Class takes place outside the standard 7-period school day.*

All XL/Honors/AP courses earn honors GPA points for a student's Jesuit GPA. All Honors and AP designated classes except Algebra 2H are eligible for UC Honors points when students apply to the UC, up to a maximum of 8 semesters.

The Basics: AP[®]

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school that reflect what is taught in most introductory college courses.
- Students take **AP Exams and/or submit projects to the AP Digital Portfolio** at the end of the course, demonstrating their mastery of college-level work.
- Depending on a student's college of attendance, a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

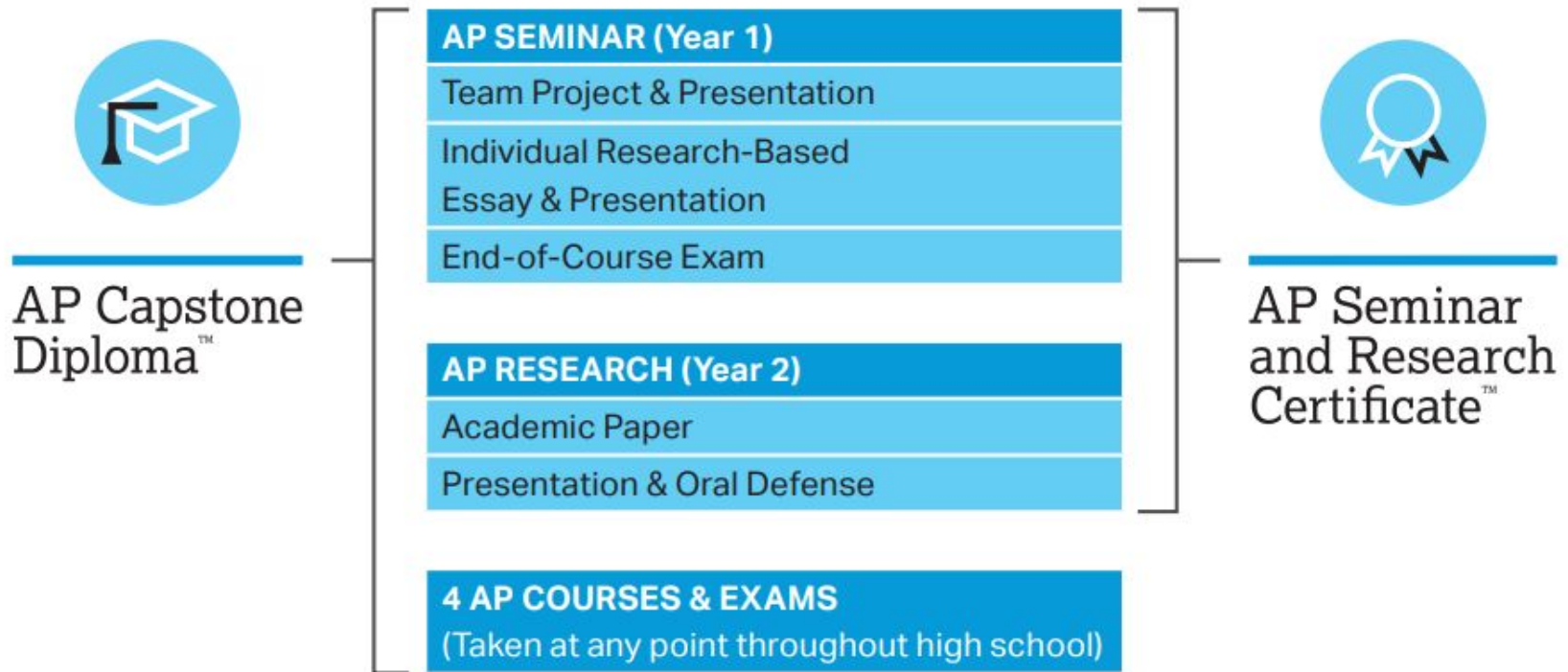
Jesuit High School's AP[®] Courses

- **English:** English Language, English Literature
- **Social Sciences:** Human Geography, U.S. History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, U.S. Government & Politics, Psychology
- **Mathematics:** AP Pre-Calculus^(new 24-25), Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics^(new 22-23)
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2, Enviro. Science^(new 23-24)
- **Visual & Performing Arts:** Music Theory, Drawing^(new 22-23), 2D Art/Design^(new 23-24)
- **World Languages:** Spanish Language, French Language
- **Computer Science:** Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A
- **Capstone:** Seminar, Research

AP Capstone™

Elective AP courses: AP Seminar (10th or 11th grade)
AP Research (11th or 12th grade)

Interdisciplinary, inquiry-based



2024 AP Performance at a Glance

- 415 Jesuit students took 1063 AP Exams
- 66 students recognized as AP Scholars (score of 3 or higher on 3 AP exams)
- 33 students recognized as AP Scholars with Honors (avg. score of at least 3.25 on 4 exams)
- 73 students recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction (avg. score of a least 3.5 on 5 exams)
- 9 students earned an AP Capstone Diploma, and 2 earned the AP Seminar and AP Research Certificate

AP School Honor Roll and AP Access Award

New College Board distinctions celebrating student access to and success in AP course, like being on the ***Gold Honor Roll***:

77% of seniors have taken an AP course at Jesuit.

61% of seniors have earned an AP exam score of 3 or better on at least one exam.

32% of seniors have taken at least 5 AP courses during their time at Jesuit.

Additionally, we have been recognized with the ***AP Access Award*** which recognizes that students from underrepresented populations have **proportional or better enrollment** in AP courses.



**AP[®] School
Honor Roll**

2024



AP[®] Exams

AP Exams are administered at Jesuit on set dates in May each year.

- AP classes at Jesuit require that students take the corresponding AP Exam at the end of the school year.
- Students are not required to attend classes on days they are taking AP Exams.
- Exams are typically 2.5–3.5 hours and include multiple choice and free response components.

Jesuit High School AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for the 2024-2025 school year is \$99 per exam for all traditional courses; AP Capstone fees are \$147 per exam.
- Exam registration and payment all takes place in the fall (September-November).
- There is a \$40 per exam cancellation fee if a student cancels an AP Exam after having signed up to take the exam. This fee is imposed by College Board. The same fee applies for late exam orders.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need.

College Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at

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

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy



XL/Honors/AP[®] : The Benefits

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking these courses is valued in the college admission process
- These courses provide a challenging and rewarding academic experience for high performing students
- AP courses provided an opportunity to earn valuable credit and advanced placement in college
- All XL / Honors / AP courses receive a 1 point grade point bump (e.g. a B earns 4 grade points rather than 3)

XL/Honors /AP[®] : A More Engaging Learning Experience

These courses challenge students to work and participate at a college level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, use of evidence, balancing multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

XL/Honors/AP[®] Courses: Start the Conversation

Which XL/Honors/ AP courses are right for me?

- Review the catalog for descriptions and prerequisites.
- Ask your counselor or teacher for advice about which classes would be the best for you.
- Attend any available information sessions or meetings for classes.

What steps do I need to take?

- What are Jesuit's deadlines for applying for, appealing, or dropping an advanced level course?
- Talk with students who are taking or have taken these courses.
- What can I do next to help me prepare for XL/Honors/AP course?

AP[®] : Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart™ www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement>

Questions?

Thanks for watching this evening!



Stay tuned for the main presentation from the Counseling Department, starting now!