

The *Advanced Placement Program*
**North Forsyth
High School**



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Components of the AP Program

▶ AP Classes

▶ AP Exams

AP Classes

- ▶ College level classes that students take while attending high school
- ▶ Taught by teachers who have received AP training
- ▶ Classes are taken over the course of one year

AP Exams

- ▶ Students pay to take an AP exam. Exams are administered during the month of May.
- ▶ All students throughout the nation/world take the same AP exams on the same date and time.
- ▶ Students earn a score between 1 and 5.
- ▶ Students who earn a 3, 4, or 5 most likely will receive college credit; however, each university has its own requirements. Check the university's website.

AP Exams

- ▶ Each exam has a multiple choice portion and a free response portion.
- ▶ Exams are given on a strict schedule and under timed conditions.
- ▶ The longest exam is 3 hours and 25 minutes (without break); the shortest exam is 2 hours (without break)

How Are AP Exams Scored?

- ▶ Teachers and college professors meet over a ten day period in the summer and score the exams.
- ▶ Scores are provided to students during early July.

How Are AP Classes Calculated in GPA?

- ▶ Students receive 1 quality point for an AP class
 - For example, a student who makes an A in an AP class will see a 5.0 in GPA calculation.
 - A student who makes a B in an AP class will see a 4.0 in GPA calculation.

How are AP classes calculated for the HOPE Scholarship?

- ▶ For HOPE, students receive .5, except students earning an A.
 - A = 4.0
 - B = 3.5
 - C = 2.5

Why should students take an AP class?

- ▶ Rigor for college admissions – by taking the classes
- ▶ A chance to earn college credit while in high school – by taking the AP exams

Why Do Colleges Like the AP Program?

- ▶ Common curriculum across the nation – equal playing field
- ▶ Standardized assessments each year that are the same for all students
- ▶ Students are better prepared for academic rigor of college

Benefits of the AP Program

- ▶ Why do high schools offer college classes or AP classes?
 - Improves quality of the curriculum
 - Keeps students motivated and challenged
 - Provides educators with nationally-normed feedback
 - Raises rigor of academics
 - Provides our students with opportunities to get into colleges

Benefits of the AP Program

► For Students

- College credit
- Academic challenge
- Academic skills needed for college
- Increase in self-confidence, motivation, and academic orientation

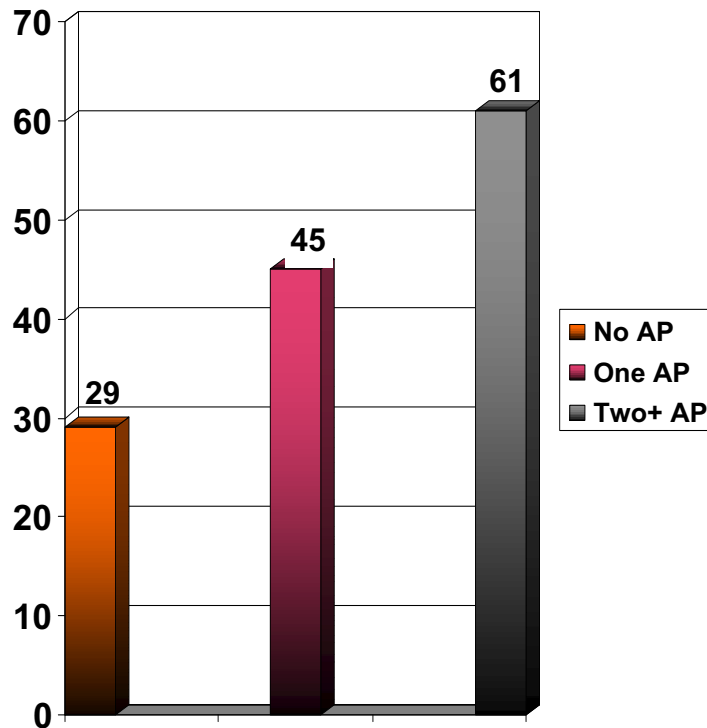
The Rewards of AP

- ▶ Prepare for success in college by taking college-level courses while still in high school
 - Explore advanced topics -- study in greater depth
 - Develop advanced skills -- form disciplined study habits
 - Build confidence in capability to succeed in college
 - Allows students to face academic challenges while having parental/teacher support
 - Students learn valuable study skills as well as the importance of participating in study groups

The Rewards of AP

- ▶ Opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement
 - Possible tuition savings
 - Flexibility in college course choice
 - Early entry to graduate/professional schools

AP and College Success™



Students who take AP® courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.

Source: College Board (2011)

College Admissions Information

- ▶ 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorable impacts admissions decisions.
- ▶ 31% percent of colleges and universities consider a student's AP experience when making decisions about which students receive scholarships.

What Counts in College Admissions?

- ▶ Student's grades in college prep classes
- ▶ Strength of curriculum
- ▶ Admission Test Scores
- ▶ Overall GPA
- ▶ Admissions essays

What Counts in College Admissions?

- ▶ Grades in college prep courses: 84.3%
- ▶ Strength of curriculum: 67.7%
- ▶ Admission test scores (SAT, ACT): 59.2%
- ▶ Grades in all courses: 51.9%
- ▶ Essay or writing sample: 24.9%
- ▶ Counselor recommendation: 19.2%
- ▶ Class Rank: 18.8%
- ▶ Teacher recommendation: 16.5%

Entrance Statistics for UGA – Freshman Class of 2017

- ▶ 22,486 Applications – 13,058 admitted
- ▶ 6 to 10 AP Courses (Average person took 8.)
- ▶ GPA: 4.0
- ▶ ACT: 30 (36 is perfect score)
- ▶ SAT: 1344 (1600 is perfect score)

Entrance Statistics for GA Tech Freshman Class of 2017

- ▶ 31,504 Applications – 7,246 admitted
- ▶ 8 to 13 AP Courses
- ▶ GPA: 4.03
- ▶ GPA of Honors Students: 4.12
- ▶ ACT: 32 (36 is perfect score)
- ▶ SAT: 1401 (1600 is perfect score)
- ▶ 95% of students have taken at least AP Calculus or its equivalent.

What Colleges Have Students with the Most AP Classes (out of top 200)

- ▶ UGA is ranked # 11 in the nation
- ▶ Georgia Tech is ranked # 18 in the nation
- ▶ Clemson is ranked # 32 in the nation
- ▶ Kennesaw State University is # 91 in the nation

Number of AP Course Offerings

- ▶ CTAE - 2
- ▶ English - 2
- ▶ Foreign Language - 3
- ▶ Fine Arts - 4
- ▶ Math - 3
- ▶ Science - 5
- ▶ Social Studies – 7
- ▶ Total 26

AP Courses

▶ English

- AP Language
- AP Literature

▶ Science

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C

AP Courses

▶ Mathematics

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

▶ CTAE

- AP Computer Science
- AP Computer Principles

AP Courses

▶ **Social Studies**

- AP Government
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP World History
- AP US History

AP Courses

▶ Fine Arts

- AP Music Theory
- AP Studio: Drawing
- AP Studio: 2D
- AP Studio: 3D

▶ World Language

- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

Sequence of Courses

- ▶ **9th grade** – Human Geography
- ▶ **10th grade** – World History, *Psychology, Computer Science, Biology, Human Geography
- ▶ **11th and 12th grades** – various course offerings

* Requires application

Why should I take AP Human Geography?

- ▶ It is the only AP class designed for freshman students.
- ▶ It teaches the skills to be successful in future AP classes.
- ▶ The exam is 2 hours and 10 minutes – the AP World exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes.
- ▶ Colleges do give credit for this class – often as a humanities elective.

Characteristics of Successful AP Students

- ▶ Motivated
- ▶ Can manage time
- ▶ Able to read and understand concepts and ideas
- ▶ Able to express ideas (written and verbally)
- ▶ Is willing to do homework on the weekend
- ▶ Is not overly committed

AP Study Nights and AP Practice Exam



AP Celebrations



National AP Website

▶ AP Central

▶ <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>

Announcements

- ▶ Counseling is in cafeteria to answer questions about scheduling during all sessions.
- ▶ Honors Mentorship is also in the cafeteria to answer questions.

Upcoming Events

► Rise UP Raider U Freshman Festival:

Saturday, February 10th from 9:00 to 11:30

- ~ Two informational sessions will be offered at this event in lieu of a separate parent night.

Sessions

- ▶ Session 1- 6:45 to 7:05
- ▶ Session 2- 7:10 to 7:30
- ▶ Session 3- 7:35 to 7:55
- ▶ Session 4 - 8:00 to 8:20 - optional
- ▶ Teachers will share course sequence information and suggested prerequisites.
- ▶ See handout for room assignments.
- ▶ Computer Science will discuss both offerings.

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