

The ABCs of AP and ACP

What do I need to know?



What is AP?

- AP stands for **A**dvanced **P**lacement and are courses that are offered by The College Board with the possibility of earning college credit. AP teachers must be approved to teach the class and must submit a syllabus that is reviewed and approved by AP.



What is ACP ?

- ACP stands for **A**dvance **C**ollege **P**roject and is a dual-credit program offered through Indiana University. Teachers must apply to teach and must be approved by the corresponding department chair at IU. They must also follow the IU syllabus for the course.



How are these programs similar?

- Both AP and ACP courses allow students the opportunity to earn dual-credit (both high school and college credit).
- Both courses present their material in a college format with college-level expectations for course rigor.



How are these programs different?

- Earning college credit
 - Students in AP courses earn college credit by scoring an acceptable score on the AP exam given in May. Most colleges will award credit if the student earns a 4 or 5 while others will allow credit for a 3.
 - ACP students earn IU credit with the grade they earn in the high school course. It is transcribed and transferable to other colleges and universities.



How are these programs different?

- Cost
 - Last year, AP exams were \$91 per exam. Luckily, the State of Indiana pays for all math and science exams and will pay for the AP English exam this year.
 - ACP courses are billed through Indiana University at a rate of \$25/credit hour or \$75 for a 3-hour course.



How are these programs different?

- Transferability
 - Most colleges and universities throughout the U.S. recognize AP courses and provide some type of credit for passed exams.
 - ACP course credit is awarded through Indiana University. All Indiana public universities will accept course credit if the course is on the CTL. Some private schools may not accept the credit.



AP Exam Information

- Our goal at G-CHS is that students should prepare to earn a 5 on each AP exam taken.
- We will begin registering students for these tests in March.
- Tests are given during the first two weeks of May.
- Scores are available on-line to students in July.



AP Exam Preparation

- Students should prepare for the exam immediately– this is a college-level course and it “looks” different from any other class a student has taken.
- Students who perform the best on the exams look for outside resources, form study groups, and attack the class and its work from Day 1.



ACP Registration

- Students who take ACP classes are IU students and must register for the class as an IU student would do.
- ACP students receive e-mail from IU regarding their class(es) so they should create a habit of checking their e-mail regularly.
- Only students with a G-CHS GPA of 2.7 or higher are eligible to earn IU credit.



ACP and the IU Transcript

- The IU credit for ACP classes is transcribed by Indiana University, not G-CHS. Students who want to submit their IU classes for credit at another college or university must contact the Registrar's Office on the Bloomington campus and request that it be sent.



ACP and FERPA

- FERPA is the **F**amilies **E**ducational **R**ights and **P**rivacy **A**ct and guarantees that “Once a student reaches 18 years of age **or attends a postsecondary institution**, he or she becomes an "eligible student," and all rights formerly given to parents under FERPA transfer to the student.”



What does FERPA mean to me if my student is in an ACP course?

- Technically, it means that IU will ask that the student initiate and maintain contact with ACP or the Registrar's Office regarding registration and grades.
- The bill, however, will be sent to the home address in mid-September and is due October 10 for first semester courses.



How are the course expectations different for AP and ACP courses?

- Students can expect fewer assignments so each grade has a greater impact on the final grade.
- Students can also expect to do independent research and learn necessary background information on their own time and without prompting from a teacher.



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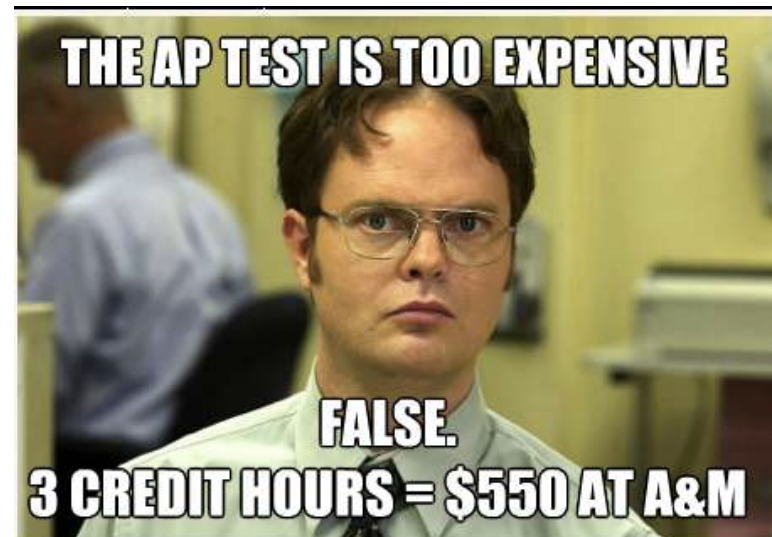
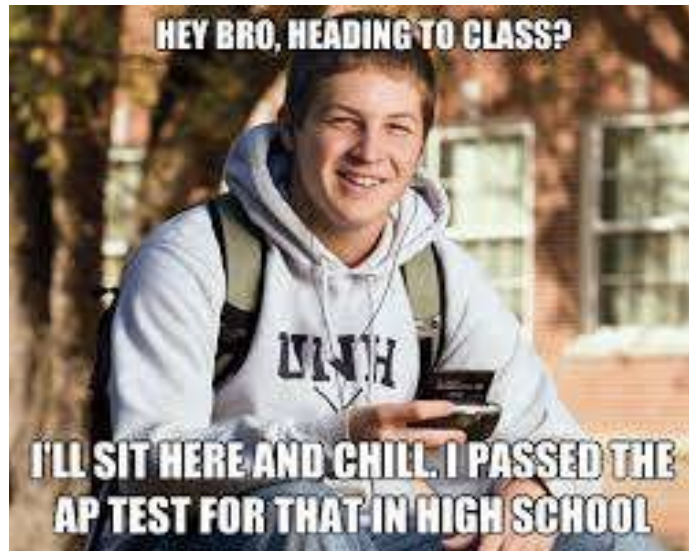
- Like a college course, exams and final papers are weighted more heavily than daily work.
- ACP students are held to the same attendance requirements as IU students and will be penalized for missing class – even excused absences.



How are the course expectations different for AP and ACP courses?

- AP courses are a year-long commitment and counselors and teachers will expect students to stay in the course all year.
- Both types of courses are challenging and your student will probably experience frustration at some point during a semester. Remember, it's a college-level course.





Questions?



