

# AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

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Prerequisite: 4 AP courses over 4 years and scoring a 3 or higher on the corresponding AP exams

Open to: 11, 12

Credit: 2 FW each year

This is a program that would allow students the opportunity to earn an AP Diploma. It is intended to challenge students with opportunities to employ critical thinking, creativity, research and collaboration through both Seminar and Research courses. In order to earn the diploma, students enroll in Seminar their sophomore or junior year and Research their junior or senior year and score a 3 or higher on the accompanying exams. In addition, students are required to score a 3 or higher on 4 other AP exams. There is no required sequence or restrictions on the additional AP exams or courses students select. Students who do not meet the requirements of scoring a 3 or higher on 4 other exams can earn an AP Capstone Certificate by taking Seminar and Research and scoring a 3 or higher on the corresponding exams. Click [here](#) to learn more about the AP Capstone Diploma Program.



### AP Seminar (year 1)

Classification: AP

Prerequisite: None

Open to: 10 and 11

Credit: 2 FW

AP Seminar is the first of two courses in the AP Capstone™ program. Based on the AP Capstone Seminar curriculum, students will think critically and creatively, research, explore, pose solutions, develop arguments, collaborate, and communicate using various media. Students will explore real-world issues through a cross-curricular lens and consider multiple points of view to develop deep understandings of complex issues as they make connections between these issues and their own lives. Students will complete both internal and external assessments (written and oral) as a part of the AP Capstone Seminar exam. Click [here](#) to learn more about AP Seminar.

### AP Capstone Research (year 2)

Classification: AP

Prerequisite: AP Seminar

Open to: 11 and 12

Credit: 2 FW

AP Research is the second course in the AP Capstone™ program. AP Seminar is a prerequisite for AP Research. AP Research allows students to deeply explore an academic topic, problem, or issue of individual interest. Through this exploration, students design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation to address a research

question. In the AP Research course, students further their skills acquired in the AP Seminar course by understanding research methods; employing ethical research practices; and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information as they address a research question. The course culminates in an academic thesis paper of approximately 4,000-5,000 words and a presentation with an oral defense. Click [here](#) to learn more about AP Research.

