

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Learning Enrichment Opportunity at RTHS



What is AP?

- AP is a program run by the College Board that was officially launched in 1956
- Over 2.8 million students take AP exams every year in 38 subjects
- This program offers high school students a chance to expand their knowledge in one or more areas of interest and work toward earning university credit
- AP programming blends the requirements of the 20-level and 30-level Alberta High School course outcomes with that of the AP board designated courses (For example an English 20/30/35 cohort AP)
- AP offers all of the benefits of deeper learning opportunities, much like that of the International Baccalaureate program



Why take AP?

- AP forms a strong foundation for students moving into post-secondary
- Many post-secondary institutions offer credit for AP and IB courses taken in high school
 - Note | this is done after an evaluation by the university registrar's office to ensure that the course mark meets university requirements for credit and advance access to courses.
- RTHS alumni report that AP was instrumental in their success at university. They felt exceptionally prepared for the rigours of higher education, particularly in relation to research and independent inquiry projects required in Engineering and Sciences



AP courses offered at RTHS

- The AP College Board has a large base of course offerings
- The following AP course offerings for the 2024-2025 school year have been chosen, based on past student interest and University equivalency opportunities. Credits earned per course towards a high school diploma, are indicated in brackets.
 - Art 30/35 Cohort AP (10 credits)
 - AP 2-D Art and Design
 - AP 3-D Art and Design
 - AP Drawing
 - Biology 20/30/35 Cohort AP (13 credits)
 - Mathematics 30-1/31 or AP Calculus AB (10 credits)
 - Chemistry 30/35 Cohort AP (8)
 - English 20-1/30-1/35 Cohort AP or English Literature (13 credits)
 - Physics 30/35 Cohort AP (8 credits)
 - Social Studies 30-1/35 Cohort AP or European History (8 credits)
 - Computer Science 30/35 Cohort AP (8 credits)

Additional information available at: <https://www.collegeboard.org>



Recommended Sequence for AP Courses

GRADE 10		GRADE 11		GRADE 12
Art 10	→	Art 20	→	Art 30 AP Cohort AP studio Art Drawing AP Studio Art 2D Design AP Studio Art 3D Design
ELA 10-1	→	ELA 20-1/30-1/35AP (Full Year in Grade 11 or 12)		
Math 10C	→	Math 20-1	→	Math 30-1/31 AP (Full Year Grade 12)
Science 10	→	Biology 20/30/35AP (Full Year Grade 11 or 12)		
Science 10	→	Chemistry 20	→	Chemistry 30/35 AP (Full Year Grade 12)
Science 10	→	Physics 20	→	Physics 30/35 AP (Full Year Grade 12)
Computer Science 10	→	Computer Science 20	→	Computer Science 30/35 AP (Full Year Grade 12)
Social Studies 10	→	Social Studies 20-1	→	Social Studies 30/35 AP Cohort (Full Year Grade 12)

University Equivalency Credits

- At the university level both AP and IB are recognized for equivalency credits, below is a comparison of the UofC evaluation criteria:
 - **Advanced Placement (AP):**
 - AP students **automatically** receive advanced credit or advanced placement in approved courses where they present grades of 4 or greater on their AP exam.
 - AP exams are written during the first 2 weeks in May of the year they take the course.
 - Official AP transcripts are required as part of the evaluation process.
 - **International Baccalaureate (IB):**
 - IB students who complete the **full IB diploma** are eligible to be considered for a full year of credit (30 units) upon evaluation.
 - IB students who **do not** complete a full IB diploma can present only Higher Level courses, not Standard level courses, where they have achieved 5 or greater on their IB transcript for equivalency credit.

Questions?

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