Expand with Impact: Using AP Seminar to Strengthen Student Readiness

Create new on-ramps for students taking additional AP courses in high school.

January 12, 2022
“Many students don't have confidence in their math ability because they had almost a full year online. I believe there will be a lot of gaps in knowledge.”

“The pandemic has affected the proficiency of students, and they're not confident that they can handle the AP curriculum or its workload.”

Of the teachers expecting enrollment declines:

58% say learning gaps impact participation

Fewer Georgia Students are Completing their AP Journey

In comparing Student Enrollment in AP Classroom vs. Examinees:

- Research shows that when students are given access to advanced coursework opportunities, students:
  - Work harder.
  - Engage more in school.
  - Have fewer absences / suspensions.
  - Graduate at higher rates.

(EdTrust, 2019)

- AP Classroom was built to help address student confidence. The percentage of Georgia teachers using AP Classroom aligns with those taking the exams.

- Georgia supports students through continued AP exam funding.
August 18 & 19, 2021
Starting the year off right with APRO and AP Classroom; A look at resources to support you

October 20, 2021
Best practices from school and district leaders in using AP Classroom

December 1, 2021
Accessing and using PSAT and SAT data to support student learning and instruction

January 12, 2022
Best practices from school and district leaders in using AP Classroom

January 19, 2022
Use AP CSP to strengthen and diversify AP and CTAE programs while building a pipeline towards STEM careers

January 26, 2022
A roundtable session of GA AP leaders sharing how their schools and districts support AP and grow their programs

February 9, 2022
AP Potential: Promoting Equity and Access to Georgia’s Advanced Placement Programs

These webinars are recorded and archived on the GaDOE College Readiness website
Topics

- AP Seminar Program Fast Facts
- AP Seminar in Georgia
- AP Seminar Best Practices – District and School
- AP Reminders
- Q & A
AP Seminar
Fast Facts

Rushi Sheth
Executive Director, Capstone
Five things to know about AP Seminar

1. AP Seminar students explore their interests through research and collaboration.
2. AP Seminar skills help students outperform their peers in AP and HE courses.
3. AP Seminar can be scheduled flexibly to ensure equitable access.
4. Bring AP Seminar to your campus this fall by completing an application.
5. Register AP Seminar teachers for required summer professional learning.
AP Seminar is core to the AP Capstone Diploma

AP Seminar
Year 1
Earn score of 3 or higher

AP Research
Year 2
Earn score of 3 or higher

4 AP Exams
Throughout High School
Earn score of 3 or higher

EVALUATE conversations through secondary research

CONTRIBUTE to conversations through primary research

01 AP Seminar overview
02 Research on outcomes
03 Scheduling AP Seminar
04 Offer AP Seminar at your school
05 AP Seminar teacher training
AP Seminar is a skills-based course

Starting with real-world topics:

- Explore from **different perspectives**
- Evaluate sources for **credibility and bias**
- Develop **evidence-based arguments**
- Collaborate in **teams**
- Deliver solutions using **multimedia presentations**
AP Seminar students pick topics based on interest

- AP Seminar students enjoy the freedom to choose the topics they want to research
- Samples of student work are available on AP Central

Social Media and Confirmation Bias
Automation and Employment
Gendered Toys
### AP Capstone assessments are project-based

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AP Seminar – sample individual presentation

“law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice, and when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progression.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1963
AP Seminar teachers also share their interests

1. **Overview**
   - AP Seminar teachers also share their interests.

2. **Research on Outcomes**
   - Seattle WA: Conspiracy theories and technology
   - Minneapolis MN: Dept. Science, Biomedical research
   - Chicago IL: Gentrification
   - Fort Thomas KY: Poverty and wealth
   - Fort Worth TX: Mental Health
   - Lubbock TX: Resource conflicts
   - Chaffey CA: Digital Amnesia and Deep Fakes
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   - Deerfield MA: Food and water
   - Prince Georges MD: Education
   - Wake County NC: Immigration and identity
   - Orange County FL: Social media impact
   - Pasco County FL: Climate change
   - Lapeer MI: Food scarcity
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AP Seminar and African Diaspora (I)

- African Diaspora Consortium (ADC) and College Board are partnering to make African Diaspora resources available for any AP Seminar teacher.
- Free resources are now freely available at teachathena.org:
  - Arts
  - Culture
  - Power
  - Resistance
  - Science
  - Power
AP Seminar and African Diaspora (II)

1. Create a free account...

Welcome to Athena
Find, create, and collaborate on teaching materials.

- Search all topics, teachers, and groups...
- You can search by topic or hashtag (e.g., Hamlet, Civil Rights Movement, APSeminar, syllabus)

Looking for African Diaspora Consortium content? Search for #ADC.

Trending Topics

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www.teachathena.org

2. ... then select resources for class

AP SEMINAR CRUNK FEMINISM

This course engages students in contextual research across divergent perspectives of the Crunk Feminism. Students will engage with multiple texts and organize data in order to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments.
AP Seminar: improved performance on AP exams

Average 2017 AP Exam Scores
NEXT-YEAR PERFORMANCE

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P value < 0.01 (all differences)

Notes: Results presented take into account student first-generation and minority status, gender, high school grades, PSAT/NMSQT® scores, number of AP Exams taken in the same subject area prior to AP Seminar, and number of other AP Exams taken prior to and concurrent with AP Seminar.
AP Seminar: higher first year college GPA

- AP Seminar students have higher likelihood of persisting to the second year of higher education than their non-AP peers.
- AP Seminar courses also emphasize non-academic skills, including:
  - Managing long-term projects
  - Meeting deadlines
  - Collaborating in teams

Average First-Year College GPA

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Notes: Effects isolated by taking into account student first-generation and minority status, gender, high school grades, and SAT scores.
AP Seminar is commonly offered in 10th grade

- AP Seminar helps students learn transferable skills measured on AP Exams taken in subsequent years.
- Today, AP Seminar is offered in more than 2,000 schools with rapid adoption in grade 10.

### AP Seminar Exams, by Grade Level

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2021
AP Seminar typically scheduled as English

- Schools across the country utilize AP Seminar as their English 10 offering because AP Seminar:
  - Meets state standards for ELA
  - Emphasizes evidence-based reading, writing, and speaking
  - Equips students with skills to succeed in future AP coursework

Department Assignments for AP Seminar
2021 Teacher Survey

- English: 53%
- Social Sciences or History: 18%
- Interdisciplinary: 18%
- Other (STEM, Library): 14%
Offer AP Seminar this fall: (1) free application

- Free, 10-minute application
- Districts can apply on behalf of multiple schools
- What we look for:
  - Understand unique exam and PL expectations
  - School has an AP program
  - Commitment to equitable access to AP

https://collegeboard.force.com/APCapstone/s/
Offer AP Seminar this fall: (2) teacher training

- AP Seminar and AP Research teachers must attend a 5-day APSI before teaching

- AP Summer Institute experience:
  - Training on interdisciplinary teaching
  - Mastering our project-based assessments
  - Building a community of peer educators

- Logistics
  - In-person and virtual options
  - Cost: $1,075, scholarships available
  - Registration opens early February
  - Private workshops available for districts with 10+ teachers

2022 APSI locations (virtual and in-person available)
AP Seminar for Georgia Schools & Districts
AP Seminar in Georgia

- Currently in 101 Georgia High Schools
- Seminar continues to gain popularity with Georgia schools and students and was the 20\textsuperscript{th} most popular course in 2021
- Had the 4\textsuperscript{th} highest percentage 3+ (behind 2-D Art, Drawing, and Chinese Language & Culture)
- There are distinctive course codes for AP Seminar in Georgia based on teacher certification
- If taught by an English teacher, AP Seminar can count as a fourth English course toward high school graduation

Class of 2021 GA Public Students:
- 2,100+ AP Seminar Examinees
- 88.9% scores of 3+

\[^1\] http://archives.gadoe.org/_documents/doe/legalservices/160-4-2-.48.pdf
AP Seminar is open to any student

- AP Seminar offers students an opportunity to explore their passions through academic research
- There are no curricular prerequisites to enrolling in the course
- 9th grade enrollments are strongly discouraged due to reading, writing and autonomy associated with a college-level course
- Once students finish AP Seminar, they are eligible to take AP Research

Starting December 2021, schools may use AP Potential to identify future AP Seminar students

**AP Seminar: scheduling and staffing**

**AP Seminar is content-agnostic and can therefore be scheduled and staffed flexibly.**
- Schools have full autonomy on scheduling and staffing AP Seminar
  - AP doesn't specify an academic department.
  - AP doesn't require curricular certifications
- Schools typically take 1 of 2 approaches for scheduling and staffing:
  - **Department first:** Select department, then a teacher
  - **Staff first:** Select teacher and assign the teacher’s department
- When choosing a teacher, we recommend selecting someone who is comfortable with ambiguity; this skill is essential to model
- A limited number of AP Capstone scholarships are available and cover the full tuition fees for recipients. To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, go to [AP Capstone Scholarships](#).

**Note:** School leaders should consider state or local requirements for department credit or teacher credentialing when scheduling and staffing AP Seminar. Remember Georgia has multiple course codes.

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University System of Georgia (USG) English faculty committee approved Advanced Placement Seminar to count as a Required High School Course English unit for USG admission which now matches the GaDOE high school graduation requirements.
Schools must apply to offer AP Seminar and AP Research

Application available at: https://collegeboard.force.com/APCapstone/s/

**Application guidance**

- Single school submission or district submission
- Applicant is a district representative, principal, or principal’s designee
- School must have an existing AP program
- Commitment to equitable student access
- Contact Cale Golden at cgolden@collegeboard.org for assistance or questions

**Application to Participate in the AP Capstone™ Diploma Program**

The application window for the 2021-22 school year has closed. If you're interested in offering AP Capstone at your school beginning in fall 2022, please fill out and submit this application by December 15, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET.

**Part 1: Application Overview**

We strongly encourage the principal, principal’s designee, or a district representative of each prospective AP Capstone high school to complete and submit the application. The application requires a written statement (300 words maximum) that explains how the AP Capstone Diploma program will support the high school’s efforts to build college readiness and expand equitable access to AP® courses. Submission of a complete application does not guarantee participation in the AP Capstone Diploma program.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required.
AP Seminar

A District and School Perspective

Laurie Ecke and Chelsea Brown
Hall County Schools
**AP Seminar from a district perspective**

- The initial journey: **Why AP Seminar?**
- AP Seminar now offered in 3 out of 4 of our non-IB high schools
- Impact:
  - Students: Post-secondary success
  - Teachers: Paradigm shift
  - AP Pass Rates

**SEE ME!**
High-achieving children in poverty and from minority groups are **2.5X less** likely to be identified for, and served in, gifted and talented programs in schools. *Children deserve fair identification strategies.*
Which students are a good fit for AP Seminar?

District Stats:
- 82% pass rate
- **Previous Courses**
  - First AP Course – or first Honors Course
  - 6th AP Course
  - American Literature – or not i.e. Few necessary prerequisites
- **Demographics**
  - Gifted students
  - Native Speakers of Spanish
  - Honors students
  - A/B Students
  - C Students

Gifted children living in poverty and from ethnic and language minority groups are **25% LESS** likely to be identified for, and served in, gifted and talented programs in schools. Children deserve fair identification strategies.
Next Steps

- Visit an AP Seminar Classroom
- Raise Expectations
- Open up opportunities for students
- Find the right teacher
  - (Like Chelsea Brown)
AP Seminar Teacher: Chelsea Brown

- Teacher's perspective
- Enrollment
- Training
- Grades
- Connections
- Student's perspective
- "Free AP"
- Cross-curricular
- College prep

Format of Assessment

Team Project and Presentation | 20%
- Individual Research Report
- Team Multimedia Presentation and Oral Defense

Individual Research-Based Essay and Presentation | 35%
- Individual Written Argument
- Individual Multimedia Presentation
- Oral Defense

End-of-Course Exam (2 Hours) | 45%
- Analyzing an argument (3 short-answer questions); suggested time 30 minutes
- Synthesizing and creating an evidence-based argument (1 essay question); suggested time 90 minutes
Next Steps

How to bring AP Seminar to your school

1. **IDENTIFY A TEACHER**
   Consult English (or other) teachers interested in teaching AP Seminar

2. **COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION**
   Sign up for your school or district to offer AP Seminar / Capstone

3. **ADD COURSE TO 2022-23 MASTER SCHEDULE**
   Consider introducing students to AP through AP Seminar coursework

4. **RECRUIT STUDENTS**
   Use the Enrollment toolkit to recruit and enroll students

5. **ENSURE TEACHER ATTENDS TRAINING**
   First year AP Seminar teachers must attend summer training.
The 2022 AP Exams will be administered in schools as paper and pencil* exams over 2 weeks in May.

AP coordinators are responsible for notifying students when and where to report for the exams.

Early testing or testing at times other than those published by College Board isn't permitted under any circumstances.

Late testing dates are available if students can't test during the first 2 weeks of May.

*As usual, AP Chinese and AP Japanese Exams are administered in schools on computers.
In-School Digital AP Exams

AP English Literature and Composition and AP World History: Modern

- This year (2021-22 academic year), a limited number of schools will administer **in-school, digital exams** with improvements from last year’s at-home, contingency exams.

- Accordingly, the **digital testing app has been updated** for in-school use (e.g., enabling proctored in-school digital exam administration, students to go back to previous questions).

- For spring 2022, 2 AP subjects will be available as in-school digital exams: **AP English Literature and Composition** and **AP World History: Modern**.

- On September 17, schools that administered either exam last year were invited to apply at: [cb.org/ap-2022-digital-interest](http://cb.org/ap-2022-digital-interest)

- The AP Program notified schools selected to participate on a rolling basis, **beginning in late October**.

- Only schools that complete the initial school interest form and are selected will be allowed to administer in-school digital AP Exams.
# Upcoming AP Deadlines

See the *AP Coordinator’s Manual, Part 1* for more information.

### January 18, 2022

**Accommodations for AP Exams**

- Deadline to submit accommodations requests and supporting documentation (if needed) through SSD Online. [Learn more about accommodations.](#)
- Requests for accommodations are not submitted through AP Registration and Ordering. **SSD Online** is a separate system.

### January 31, 2022

**AP Course Audit**

- Deadline to approve Course Audit forms for initial submissions, renew previously authorized courses for the 2021-22 school year, remove teachers not teaching or courses not being taught during the 2021-22 school year, and add online and distance learning courses being taught during the 2021-22 school year.
- Download the [AP Course Audit User Guide](#) for detailed instructions on participating in the course audit.

### March 15, 2022

**Spring course orders and fall order changes deadline**

- Deadline to order all exams for AP courses that begin after November 15 and to update fall orders. (Fees may apply for changes made to fall orders.)
- Schools are encouraged to submit any known cancellations by this date to ensure timely processing and accuracy of the exam shipment.
# Exam Fees


**Exam fee for on-time exam orders**
(by November 15, 2021, for full-year and first-semester courses and exam only sections; by March 15, 2022, for courses that start after November 15)

- **$96 per exam** at schools in the U.S., U.S. territories, Canada, and all DoDEA schools
- **$126 per exam** at schools everywhere else (Note: Fees may vary for exams at College Board–authorized test centers outside the U.S.)
- **$144 per exam** for AP Capstone™ Exams (AP Seminar or AP Research)

**School rebate**

$9 per exam

**College Board fee reduction for eligible students**

$34 per exam
Easier to navigate. What teachers wanted.

AP Classroom has a new look that makes it easier to find and assign AP resources:

• With just 1 click, teachers can assign all topic questions for any topic and skill in the unit they’re teaching or reviewing.

• In just 1 place, teachers can manage all class assignments, including AP Daily videos, practice exams, and their own quizzes.

• In just 1 place, teachers get immediate access to student results through the progress dashboard and a new "gradebook-style" view of all their students' work.
AP Daily

On-demand video instruction that helps save class time.

AP Daily is a series of short videos that support student learning of all the required content and skills for a course. AP Daily videos:

- Are available for all courses, for each topic and/or skill.
- Are easily accessible through AP Classroom, where teachers can track student completion rates by class section and by student.
- Are always visible and available to all students, including those in exam only sections.
- Can be assigned by teachers to students for use before, during, or after class as an introduction to or review of topic content and skill.
Questions?

Contact Cale at cgolden@collegeboard.org if you have questions about the AP Seminar application.

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AP Services for Students & Parents
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Account Help for All College Board Programs
866-315-6068
• **January 12**<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM
  
  *Expanding with Impact*: AP Seminar

• **January 19**<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM
  
  *Expanding with Impact*: AP Computer Science Principles (CSP)

• **January 26**<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM
  
  Expanding & Supporting your AP Program

• **February 9**<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM
  
  Using AP Potential Reports

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Join us for our next Wednesday webinars!
Thank you for all that you continue to do for Georgia students!