

# CURIOSITY CREATIVITY COMMITMENT

*It's part of you.*



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AP<sup>®</sup>



# What it takes to take AP<sup>®</sup>

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Jessica

*"I wasn't really that great at math and then I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it... We all help each other... You're gonna feel so great about yourself, and the fact that you passed the class and accomplished this."*



Lorena

*"You put in the effort to something you really want to do in order to be successful in it."*



Gelber

*"It's helping me expand my creativity. It actually forces you to bring it out, to bring out the best in you."*



Ismael

*"You see that your mind is capable of so much more. And once you challenge it, you can understand that, wow, I can actually understand all this."*



Sasha

*"I always question everything that's around me. In AP Bio, I saw the little pieces that make it come together, and it was like an 'aha!' moment."*

Think about the challenges you tackle every day. With each one you build greater confidence in your abilities. That's what AP is all about. AP courses may be tough — they bring the college experience to your high school after all — but they also help you develop skills and knowledge that you can use in the real world. Even better, they introduce you to new possibilities — in college majors, in career options and in yourself.

Qualities like Curiosity, Creativity and Commitment — things you use every day in other parts of your life to achieve your goals — are key ingredients for success in AP®.

If you're ready to explore and follow your passions, if you're willing to get academically prepared for exciting classes and put in the effort once you're in them, then you may be ready for AP.

## 1. The AP Experience

This is your college-level class.

AP is about having the experience of a college student, today. In AP courses you'll tackle challenging topics head on and investigate issues that matter to you. You'll learn about exciting subjects in-depth and your AP teacher and your classmates will help you learn and get the most out of AP.

## 2. Why Take AP?

Set yourself apart for college.

- Let colleges know that you're serious about your education — with AP on your transcript you'll show that you've challenged yourself with rigorous course work.
- Earn college credit and potentially skip introductory courses if you do well on the AP Exam. This can save tuition costs.
- Experience college while you are still in high school. Learn what is expected of you and develop skills you need now to get the most out of college later.

## 3. AP & Your Future

Getting started is easy.

- Learn more about AP at [exploreap.org](https://exploreap.org), where you can watch videos and hear from students that took AP courses.
- Speak to a counselor or a teacher and ask these three questions: What AP courses are offered at my school? Are there any requirements for students to enroll? What is the deadline for enrolling?
- Discuss your options with your parents or guardians to determine if AP makes sense for you.

Pick an AP class that's right for you.

- Start with your interests – What do you enjoy? What do you want to learn more about?
- Explore the AP courses offered at your school and see how they can get you started on a path to many college majors and careers at [exploreap.org](https://exploreap.org).
- Ask your counselor or teacher how you can get ready for AP. This might include courses you need to take before an AP course.
- Select the course that fits you best and enroll.

### Be confident

You have what it takes to succeed in AP, and you'll have help every step of the way. Speak to your counselor or teacher. They'll help you get the information you need to determine the best next steps for you.

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**About AP®** The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies — with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both — while still in high school.

For further information, visit [www.exploreap.org](http://www.exploreap.org).

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