



## Advanced Placement Exams at Providence Academy

2018-2019 Academic Year

### Overview

Advanced Placement (AP) exams give students the opportunity to demonstrate college-level proficiency in a particular subject in a format that many colleges will recognize with academic credit. The exam is scored on a 5-point scale, with three (3) as a passing score. Credit policies will vary by college, with some awarding course credit for any passing score, others requiring a higher score (4 and/or 5) for credit, some recognizing certain exams and not others, and a few not awarding credits for AP results at all. Independent of specific course credits granted, many colleges will give students advanced standing on the basis of strong AP exam results. Additionally, good AP exam scores, along with a rigorous course load taken at Providence Academy, can give college admission officers an indication that you can handle the challenges of college-level coursework

### Content and Preparation

The “Advanced Placement” brand references a specific curriculum and set of content knowledge expectations developed by the College Board. Providence Academy uses an independently designed curriculum and chooses not to seek College Board’s AP designation for any of our courses. That said, much of the AP curriculum is present within the content PA teaches in certain courses. PA facilitates the appropriate AP exams where this is the case. These are rigorous exams requiring that students review material independently and in some cases learn additional material not present within the scope and sequence chosen by Providence Academy faculty. When deciding whether to register for AP exams, students should consider both their level of performance in PA courses and their capacity to take time outside of regular academic and extracurricular demands in the months of March and April in order to prepare.

Students registering for certain AP exams have the option to add a fee-based exam preparation program available in Naviance Family Connection. The prep fee is TBA, in addition to the exam registration fee of \$50. This premier content is tailored specifically to the AP exam and designed to help students learn and retain the material, track their progress, and identify concepts needing attention. *Details about AP prep availability for specific exams will be available in February.*

### AP versus Advance College Credit

The decision to sit for AP exams is distinct from whether or not you are enrolled in the Advance College Credit (ACC) option in any of your classes. Successful completion of ACC courses results in college credit being awarded by PA’s partner college (either the University of Minnesota or Benedictine College). These credits will appear on college-issued transcripts and will be evaluated by the college to which you matriculate based on that institution’s transfer credit policies for entering students. These transfer credit policies may be different from how the college treats AP exam results; it is possible one type of credit may be accepted and not the other.

### Sample of College AP Credit Policies (updated August 2017)

The table below illustrates a sampling of the scores required to earn credits at various colleges:

<u>Exam</u>	<u>UM-Twin Cities</u>	<u>U. of St. Thomas</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>Yale</u>
<b>English Lit.</b>	3 or higher	4 or higher	4 or higher	5
<b>U.S. History</b>	3 or higher	4 or higher	Not accepted	Not accepted
<b>Euro. History</b>	3 or higher	4 or higher	Not accepted	Not accepted
<b>Calculus AB</b>	3 or higher	3 or higher	5	5
<b>Physics 1</b>	3 or higher	3 or higher	5	Not accepted
<b>Spanish Lang.</b>	Not accepted	3 or higher	Not accepted	5
<b>Latin</b>	3 or higher	3 or higher	3 or higher	5

### Which AP Exams does PA facilitate?

<u>PA Course</u>	<u>AP Exam</u>	<u>2019 Exam Date and Time</u>	<u>Naviance Prep?</u>
Calculus I Honors	Calculus AB	Tuesday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.	
Calculus II	Calculus BC	Tuesday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.	
Probability and Statistics	Statistics	Thursday, May 16 at 12:00 p.m.	Yes
English 12: Senior English Seminar or English 10-11 <i>Honors</i>	English Literature	Wednesday, May 8 at 8:00 a.m.	Yes
History 10-11: U.S. History I-II	U.S. History	Friday, May 10 at 8:00 a.m.	Yes
History 12: Modern Western Civilization or History 10: European History <i>Honors</i>	European History	Wednesday, May 8 at 12:00 p.m.	Yes
Advanced French	French Language	Wednesday, May 8 at 12:00 p.m.	
Advanced Spanish	Spanish Language, *Spanish Literature (*consult faculty)	Spanish Lang: Tuesday, May 7 at 8:00 a.m. Spanish Lit: Thursday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m.	
Studio Art Honors	Studio Art	Friday, May 10 <i>portfolios due</i>	
Physics Honors	Physics 1 Algebra-based	Tuesday, May 7 at 12:00 p.m.	Yes
Advanced Physics	Physics 2 Algebra-based *Physics C (*consult faculty)	Friday, May 10 at 12:00 p.m. Monday, May 13 at 12:00 p.m.	
Latin Poetry, ACC and Latin Prose, ACC	Latin ( <i>both years of ACC Latin necessary to sit for the exam</i> )	Friday, May 17 at 12:00 p.m.	
Computer Science	Computer Science A	Friday, May 17 at 12:00 p.m.	

### Information Sessions and Calendar

In February, Mr. Estrada will host a series of informational meetings about AP exam registration. There is not a formal application and faculty approval process for AP exams, but students are required to attend one of the AP information sessions or their registrations will not be approved. AP registration forms will be due on Friday, March 1. The registration fee is \$50 per exam, billable to student accounts. The cost of the optional prep program is \$45 per exam.

The exams are 3 to 3.5 hours in length and are administered according to a national schedule between May 6 and 17, 2019 during the school day. A Late Testing schedule is available for situations such as serious illness on exam day or registering for two exams scheduled for the same time. Students are responsible for managing conflicts with before- or after-school commitments and for making up regular academic work missed while taking an AP exam. Students should also note that morning exams begin before school and afternoon exams conclude after the end of the school day (as late as 4:00 p.m.). If you start an AP exam, you must stay until the final dismissal (there is no finishing and leaving early).

AP Information Sessions in February 2019:

- February 13, 2:25 p.m. (White Period)
- February 14: 8:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Light Blue), 1:30 p.m. (Pink) and 3:20 p.m.

### Steps to Success for PA Students on AP Exams

- 1) Review the chart at the top of this page to see which of your current courses lead to an AP exam opportunity.
- 2) Consider your performance in these courses, as well as whether you have the interest and the capacity to prepare independently for a rigorous, college-level exam in that subject in May.
- 3) Speak with your teacher(s) regarding your interest in the AP Exam. Your teachers can advise you regarding your performance in the class as it relates to AP success, inform you about the scope and content of the AP exam in comparison to PA's course, and help you plan your independent preparation.
- 4) Attend an AP information session in February to learn about the AP Registration process. Turn in your registration form to college counseling by February 28
- 5) Start your independent preparation no later than spring break. Small doses of prep over a longer period of time are more digestible and effective than last minute cramming. Consider finding a study partner, but make sure it is someone you can study with productively!
- 6) Double check your commitments on the morning or afternoon of your AP exams. Do not wait until the last minute to realize that there is a game/practice/rehearsal/major test/paper due during your exam time.
- 7) Sit for the AP exam, with confidence.