AP Courses & AP Tests

(https://apstudent.collegeboard.org)

*Taking AP courses and exams improves your chances of getting into college, and can help you minimize your college costs.*

AP and College Admission

Colleges and universities value students who take the most challenging courses available at their school — for many schools, AP courses are the most advanced courses offered. AP courses on your transcript show colleges that you are intellectually curious, unafraid of hard work, and capable of learning the knowledge and skills expected of college students.

Your AP Exam scores provide colleges and universities with additional information about your ability to succeed in college-level study. Check the admission websites of the colleges that interest you to see if sending your official scores will help support your application.

How to Earn Credit for Your Scores

If you earn an AP Exam score of 3 or higher, chances are you can receive credit, advanced placement or both from your college. Some colleges, including RCGC, may require a score of 4 or higher. Students need to check with each individual institution for their specific policies.

College credit and/or advanced placement can be a big reward for all the hard work you put into your AP courses and exams. Also, when you enter college with credit you've already earned through AP, you can save time and money. With a head start on your degree, you may have the flexibility to move into upper-level courses sooner, pursue a double major or study abroad.

So, How Does It All Work?

* Register to take an AP Test through the Guidance Department. Registration forms will be distributed to students who take AP courses at the end of January of each year.

AP Tests are given at school in May. The 2017-18 Testing Calendar can be found here. <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/ap-calendar#examDate>.

* The cost of each AP exam is $94.00 in 2018. Scores become available to students through their Collegeboard account in early July.
* Each college and university — not the College Board or the AP Program — makes its own decisions about awarding credit and placement. Most have a written policy spelling out things like the minimum required score to earn credit for a given AP Exam, the amount of credit awarded and how credits are applied. You can review this information by using the [AP Credit Policy Search](https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies) but make sure to confirm it on the college's website since policies can change.
* To receive credit, you must request that the College Board send your official AP score report to the college of your choice, either at the time of testing or afterward through a score report request. Colleges will usually notify you during the summer, after receiving your scores, about any credit, placement and/or course exemptions you have earned. If you have questions about the status of your AP credit or placement, you should contact your college. [Send your AP score report to your college](https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores/view-your-scores).
* How do I send my scores?

Each year that you take AP Exams, you have the opportunity to send one free score report. Your score report will include scores for all AP Exams you have taken. You do this at the time that you are taking the exam by bubbling in the four-digit code of the college, university or scholarship program on your first or "registration" AP answer sheet. If you didn't indicate a college on your answer sheet, or you need to send score reports to additional colleges, you can order additional score reports [online](https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores/send/selectDi.action) for a fee.