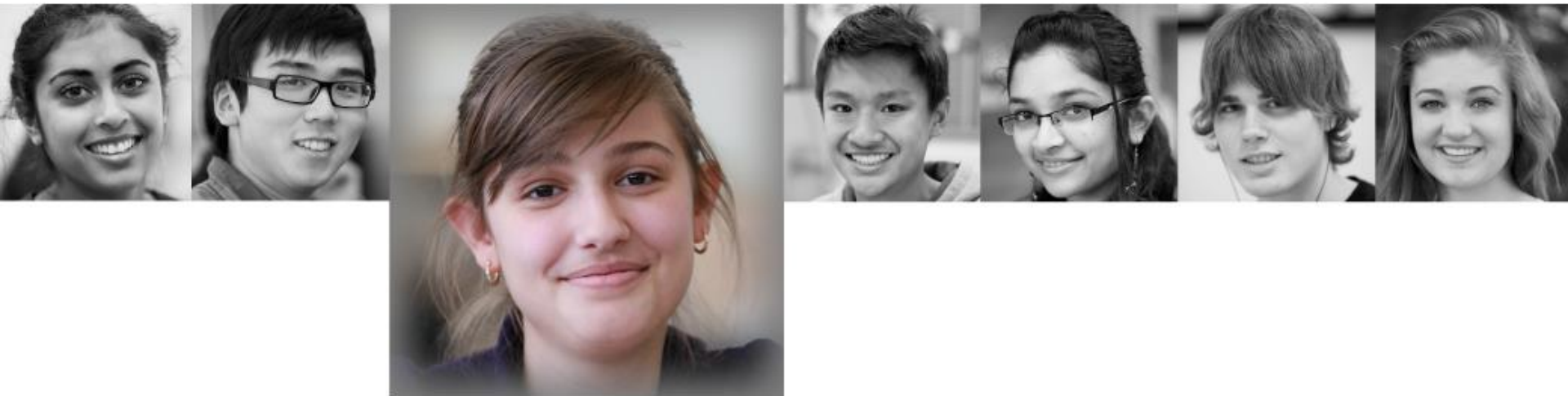


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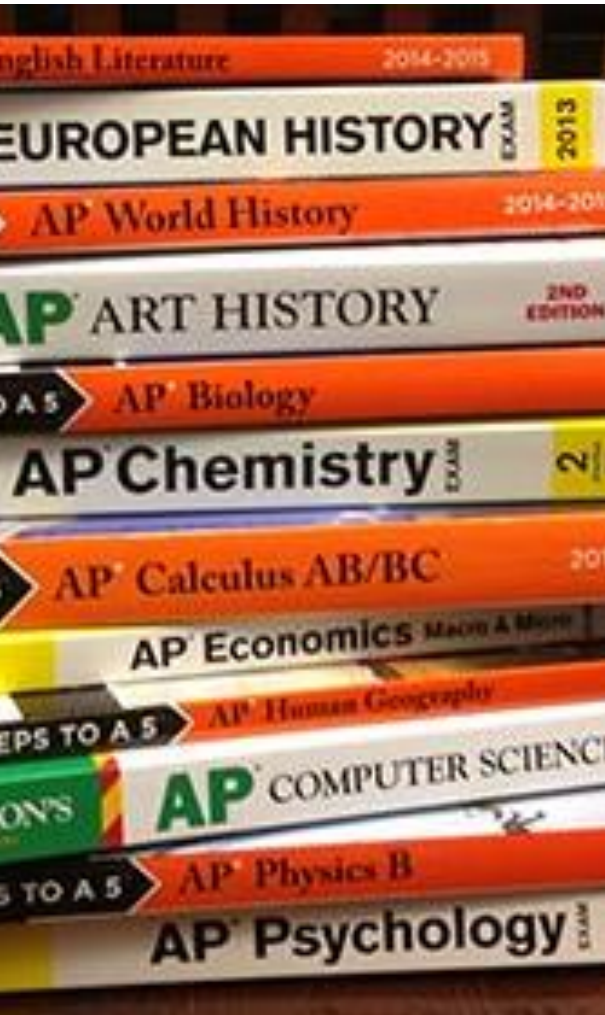
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Advanced Placement: What is Advanced Placement?

- a challenging rigorous study in **one or more** academic subjects
- gives you the experience of a first year university student while in high school
- AP recognition occurs when you successfully complete a College Board AP Examination in a subject
- gain the knowledge, skills and strategies to successfully write the Advanced Placement Examination(s) in May

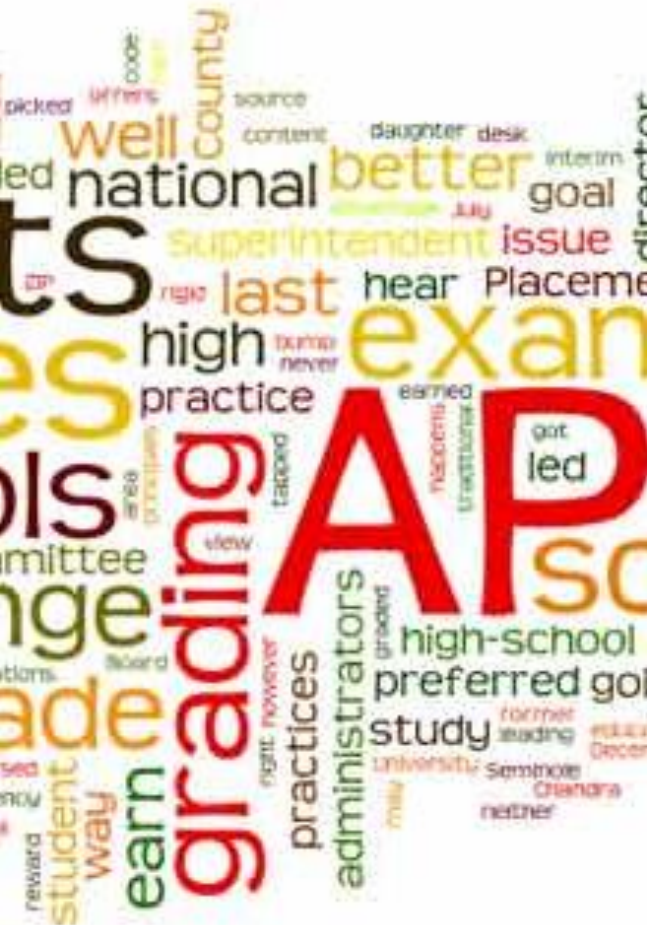




Advanced Placement: Why take a Pre-AP or AP class?

- earn advanced credit and/or advanced placement (skip introductory courses) at colleges and universities if you do well on the AP Exam
- develop skills while in high school to get the most out of university or college even if you do not wish to skip an introductory class in university

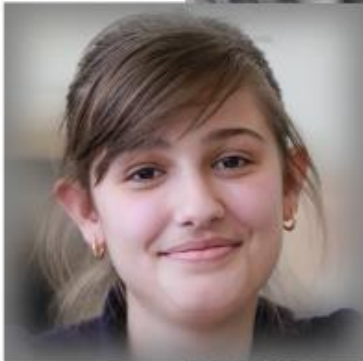




Advanced Placement: Why take a Pre-AP or AP class?

- choose Pre-AP and AP classes based on your interests and strengths--there is flexibility to take AP in one or more subject areas
- study subjects you are passionate about with more depth and breadth





Some of the benefits

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/start-grow-ap/discover-benefits>

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Why take AP – a testimonial

Why Advanced Placement Classes Are a Good Decision

By [Ethan Klapper](#)

I regret surprisingly few things about my time in college. But as I enter the final year of my undergraduate studies ...

Lots of people ending their time here early took many [Advanced Placement](#) classes back in high school. Remember those super difficult classes with the dreaded (and seemingly expensive) AP exam in May?

Then why? It's very simple: time and money.

One AP class will generally equal three college credits (exceptions are usually math and science, which can count even more). With a normal course load set at 15 credits per semester, doing well on five AP exams will allow you to graduate early.

An early graduation gives you a head start on a competitive job market.

Then there's money. We can all agree that college is far from cheap: four years of *public* university education will cost a child born this year around \$200,000. So what better way to cut college costs than to get your degree early?

This year, [AP exams are US \\$87 each](#). Taking five of them will run you \$435. That pales in comparison to \$18,090.

While many high school students are excited about entering college and aren't even thinking ahead to ending early (even if I had the option I would have dismissed it at the time), it doesn't hurt to plan ahead. I certainly wish I would have.

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How do I know if I should take AP in one or more subjects?

- start with your interests: what do you enjoy and what do you want to learn more about?
- are you willing to work hard and persist when a task is difficult?
- are you have curious, creative and committed to your work?

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You don't need to be top of your class to be an AP student, but you'll want to be prepared for the AP course you choose.





How will I be evaluated?

- Marks for courses that appear on Alberta Education transcripts are based on standards for the Alberta Education Programs of Studies: your work is evaluated the same way as it is for students in regular classes
- If you are in Advanced Placement courses you must still write your Alberta diploma exam to receive your high school diploma (Alberta Education does not recognise AP courses on their official student transcript)



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How can parents support their children?

- Get your child into a study group
- Designate a time and place for study
- Engage your child in the work

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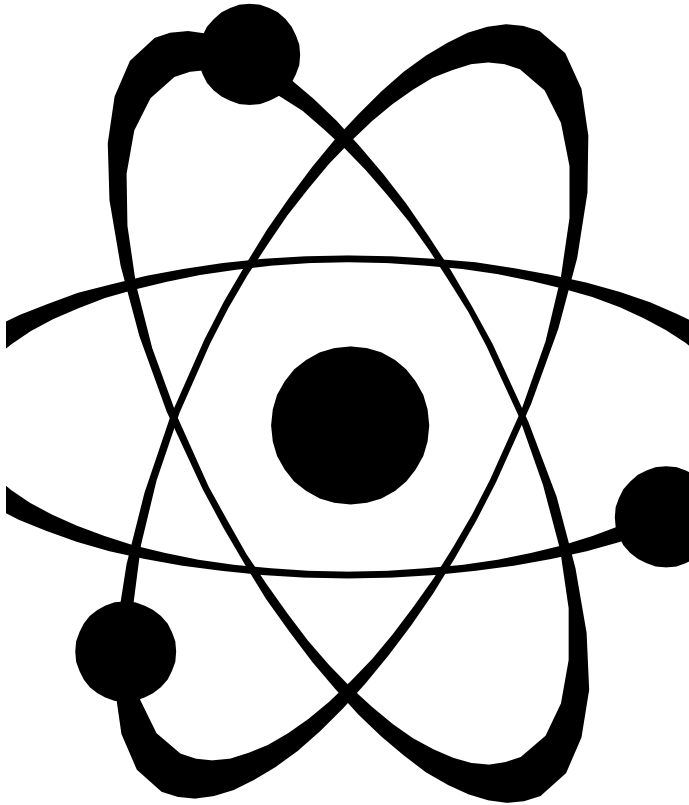


Shakespeare

English

- A second Shakespeare
- Higher level questions
- More in depth answers
- Poisonwood Bible
- Debate and discussion
- Student centred
- Three essays/multiple choice exam

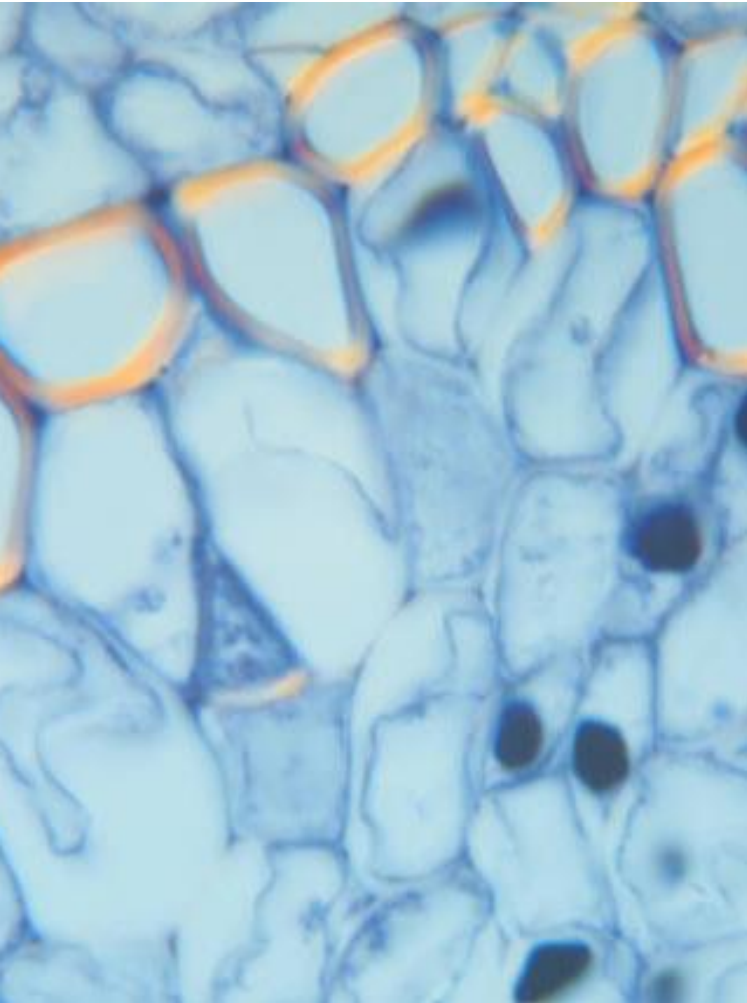
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Physics

- extension of 30-1
- fluid mechanics, thermo dynamics, electricity, electrical circuits
- more abstract approach
- hands on
- interactive and student driven
- Open ended lab simulations
- multiple choice

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Biology

- more labs
- design own labs
- more inquiry
- evaluation through comparison
- written response
- multiple choice
- Analysis of lab results

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Social Studies

- European history
- 1450's to present day
- essential questions
- focus on art and aesthetics
- synthesise history and present
- debate and discussion
- multiple choice
- 3 essays

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