



An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School
Markham, Ontario

Advanced Placement[®] : The Basics

- AP[®] courses are university-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in introductory university courses
- Students take **AP Exams** in May (1-5 and 8-12, 2017), measuring their mastery of university-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam **may** earn students university credit and/or placement into advanced courses in university

(Please note that students will need to do their own research to find out if the universities and the programs will recognize AP Credits)

Our AP[®] Courses

- **English:** English Language and Composition (ENG 3UE)
English Literature and Composition (ENG 4UE)
- **Mathematics:** Calculus BC (MCV 4UE)
- **Science:** Chemistry (SCH 4UE)
- **World Languages:** French Language and Culture (FIF 4UE)
Chinese Language and Culture (offered after school)

Our Pre-AP[®] (Enriched) Courses

- **Mathematics:** Functions (MCR 3UE)
Advanced Functions (MHF 4UE)
- **Science:** Chemistry (SCH 3UE)



AP[®]: The Benefits

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- Students learn rigorous university-level content and skills
- AP courses are interesting, challenging and rewarding academic experiences
- There may be an opportunity to earn Advanced Standing in university



AP[®]: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for post-secondary success
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in university and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers*

**2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"*

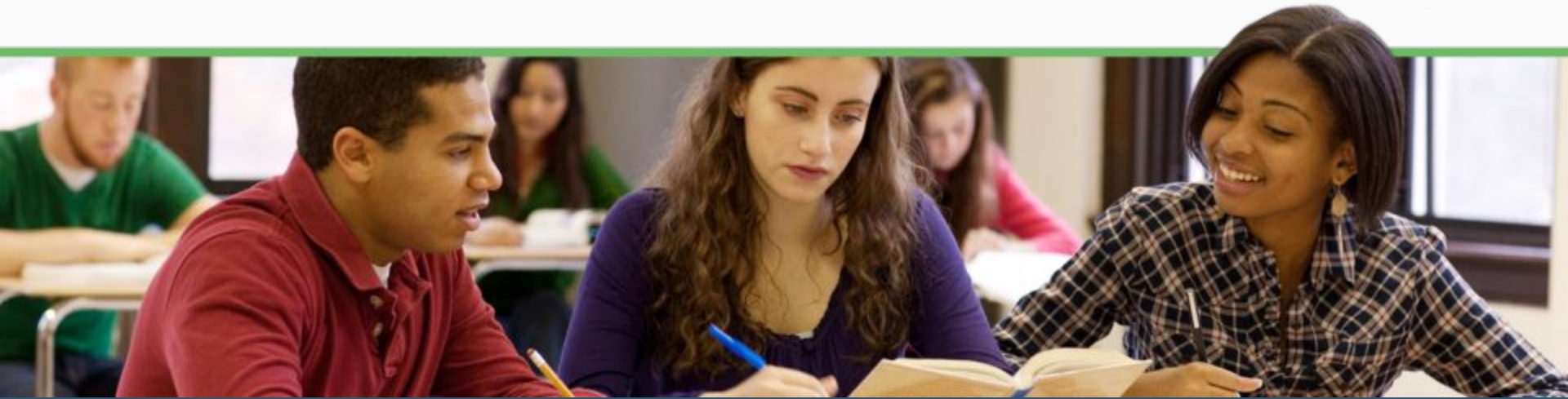
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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions; free-response items such as essays, problem solving; document-based questions and oral response.



AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2017 is \$93 (US) + shipping per exam.
- \$140 per exam, payable in Canadian dollars , which is based on the current US-Canadian exchange rate (this amount may be adjusted depending on the exchange rate).

*Please note: This payment is due with the application and is **non-refundable***

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at:

www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard website's AP Credit Policy Info page. The header includes the CollegeBoard logo and navigation links like 'AP Courses', 'AP Exams', and 'AP Credit Policy Info'. The main content area is titled 'AP Credit Policy Info' and 'Advanced Placement Program'. It features a search bar labeled 'Find colleges and universities with AP credit policy information' and a 'School Name' input field. Below the search bar, there is a list of AP courses and their corresponding credit policies, such as 'AP Calculus BC' and 'AP Computer Science A'. The page also includes a 'Trustee' logo in the bottom right corner.

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy



What is it like to take AP[®]?

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take university-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging, but the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the workload.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get university credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many universities grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my marks or university admissions.	Your course mark is based on the Ontario curriculum. The AP curriculum will only be evaluated during the AP exam and the mark is private unless YOU CHOOSE to share it with universities.



Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices

AP[®]: Start the Conversation

Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counsellor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

What AP course is right for me?

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What areas of study are you considering? What careers excite you?
- May I speak with a student who has taken an AP course?
- How are my learning skills? Am I an independent learner etc.?

Ask your counsellor or teacher the following questions:

- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for university and careers?

Registering in AP[®] at Trudeau

What steps do I need to take?

1. On Career Cruising, select the AP Courses you want to take in the same manner as choosing all other courses (make sure that the course ends with an "E" – i.e., ENG4UE)
2. Pick up the Application Forms in the Guidance Office (*Blue paper on tall green cabinet*). Answer the questions and speak to your teacher(s) to get a recommendation.
3. Return the completed forms to Ms. MacDonald (in Guidance) with the AP Exam fee (*a cheque made payable to "Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School" for **\$140 Canadian per course with exam** or a print out of the School Cash Online receipt is preferred*).

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- AP Canada: <http://apcanada.collegeboard.org/>
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart[™] www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities: www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy



**Now, hear from your AP teachers.
Then, there will be time for questions.**