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# ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND COLLEGE BOARD



AUTHORIZED  
**AP Courses**  
2022-2023

CollegeBoard AP

<p>What is Advanced Placement “AP” and the College Board?</p>	<p>- The College Board runs programs such as the SAT’s, PSAT’s and Advanced Placement programs. - Advanced Placement courses are university courses you can take while in high school.</p>
<p>What Advanced Placement Courses does Paul Kane offer?</p> 	<p>BIOLOGY CALCULUS AB &amp; BC CHEMISTRY COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES COMPUTER SCIENCE A (2024/25) ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENGLISH LITERATURE EUROPEAN HISTORY PHYSICS 1 PSYCHOLOGY 2D STUDIO ART 3D STUDIO ART DRAWING STUDIO ART</p> <p>*pink - exam in grade 11 *blue - exam in grade 12 *black - exam could be done in 11 or 12</p>

Side Note:  
Please see page 11 in the Paul Kane Guide Book for a flow chart of when students would register for certain AP courses to plan out how to schedule your 6 semester high school career.

# Is AP for me?

<p>How should I decide if AP is right for me?</p>	<p>I really enjoy/love learning about_____.</p> <p>I think the career path or university degree I want will require me to take this course to complete my degree.</p> <p>I want to earn university/college credits in high school because I want to have a spare in my first year and/or save money.</p> <p>I want to be better prepared for my first year of university.</p> <p>I want to have multiple opportunities to get the highest possible grade for university entrance.</p>
<p>How many students are taking AP at Paul Kane this year?</p>	<p>Grade 10's - 50%</p> <p>Grade 11's - 33%</p> <p>Grade 12's - 25%</p> <p>Most students take more than 1 AP course.</p>

Side Note: Please register in grade 10 AP classes if your are still on the fence about taking AP because:

- A) It's easier to move out of AP then it is to move into AP later.
- B) The additional AP material taught at the AP level is very minimal in most courses at the grade 10 level. This gives you another year to decide if AP is right for you.

# POST SECONDARY ENTRANCE

Can AP help me get into university?

## AP Grade Conversion Scale

To calculate your admissions average using AP results, we will convert your scores into percentages:

AP Result	AP Equivalent
5	96%
4	86%
3	76%
2	65%
1	<i>Not accepted for admission</i>

Example please.

A student takes English Literature AP (20-1AP), English Language AP (30-1AP) and gets the following grades:

English Language AP (20-1AP): 5 - 96%

English Literature AP (30-1AP) : 4 - 86%

English 30-1: 92%

**NEW: Computer Science 30 can be used as a 30 level science for university entrance in many faculties.**

Side Note:

Taking AP exams gives students multiple opportunities to get the highest possible mark for university entrance.

Students applying to American universities should seriously consider taking AP courses. American universities understand the AP curriculums and how rigorous the courses are.

# POST SECONDARY CREDIT

Can I earn university credit?	AP Courses offered at Paul Kane	U of A Equivalent	Grant MacEwan Equivalent
	AP STUDIO: 2-D ART and DESIGN	ART 134 (3) / DES 135 (3)	ARTE 111 (3)
	AP STUDIO: 3-D ART AND DESIGN	ART 134 (3) / DES 135 (3)	ARTE 107 (3)
	AP STUDIO: DRAWING	ART 100 LEVEL (3)	ARTE 110 (3)
	AP BIOLOGY	BIO 107 (3)	BIOL 1XX (3)
	AP CALCULUS AB	MATH 114 (3)	MATH 114 (3)
	AP CALCULUS BC	MATH 114 or MATH 100* (3)	MATH 114 (3)
	AP CHEMISTRY	CHEM 101 or 103* (3) CSA examination required	CHEM 101 & 102 (6)
	AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE and COMPOSITION	ENGL 100 – level (3)	ENG 102 (3)
	AP ENGLISH LITERATURE and COMPOSITION	ENGL 100 – level (3)	ENG 103 (3)
	AP EUROPEAN HISTORY	HIST 100 – level (6)	HIST 102 (3)
	AP PHYSICS 1	Must complete AP PHYSICS 2 to get credit for PHYS 124	PHYS 124 (3)
	AP PSYCHOLOGY	PSYCO 104 (3)	PSYCO 104 (3)
	AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES	CMPUT 101 (3)	CMPT 103 (3)
	AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A	CMPUT 174 (3)	CMPT 103 (3)

How many university credits were earned last year at PK?	216 university credits were earned by PK students in the 2022/2023 year.
How many university credits were earned last year at PK?	Each course is worth 3 credits.
How many university credits were earned last year at PK?	When students receive course credit, they will not receive a GPA for that course.
Do I have to accept credits if I earn them?	No. Students can decline earned credits and take the course again in University. Often this is done so the students can earn a high GPA in the course to apply into a competitive faculty.
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Side Note: Engineering does not advise that students accept transfer credits. The first year of Engineering is specifically structured in terms of which courses and how many they accept. The only subject students may consider would be English, however if they did that the Faculty would require them to take a 200 level course in their first year to maintain course load requirements.

**These students can still use their AP grades for admissions.**

# SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS & ACADEMIC WIN-WIN

<p>How can AP help me get ready for university?</p>	<p>- Taking a university course before you get there gives you the competitive advantage of already taking the course.</p>
	<p>- Taking a university level course and exam with no negative consequences to your university GPA or admissions is a real advantage when competing with other university students who haven't.</p>
<p>Is there any scientific data to support what you are saying?</p>	<p>- A six-year research study recently completed by the College Board, the University of Alberta, and UBC concluded that students who completed AP courses were more successful at the university level than non-AP students in a number of metrics such as: completing a degree, exam scores, and many more.</p> <p>- AP examinees earning scores of 3 or higher are more likely to earn higher grades in college, return for a second year, and ultimately complete a degree compared to students who didn't take AP Exams.</p> <p>- AP students who earn a score of 1 or 2, or average a score of 1 or 2 across their AP Exams in high school, have better college outcomes than academically similar college students who did not take an AP course and exam.</p>

## Summary:

Taking AP courses give students many advantages even if they don't use their marks for university entrance or don't earn college credits.

Please go to the Paul Kane website if you would like to look at all of the research information. On the main bar of the website click:  
For Students → Academics → Advanced Placement → Research

# CLASSROOM CULTURE & EXTRA SUPPORT

<p>What is an AP class like?</p>	<p>- AP classes are a safe place for like-minded students who are passionate about learning the subjects they love, and they have the support of their classmates and teachers to foster their learning in these areas of interest.</p> <p>- You get to take a university course in a small class size with lots of help from an expert teacher.</p>
<p>Does the College Board offer any supports for AP students?</p>	<p>Yes! The new AP classroom can be used by students in the year of their AP exam. It contains video lessons and exam questions for students to use.</p> <p>New: The AP Daily Practice Sessions is a new video series that focuses on practicing free-response questions and multiple-choice questions, with the aim of helping students do just that - practice!</p>

Summary:  
Taking AP classes in high school gives students the chance to take university classes in small class settings with plenty of opportunity for class discussions, one-on-one help from instructors, and on-line help from the College Board.

# FRENCH IMMERSION and AP COMBINATION

Is it possible to combine French Immersion and AP and still get a Bilingual Certificate?

Yes! However, you need to plan out the courses you want to take in AP a little more carefully.

	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
French Immersion	FLA 10-1/10-2 plus at least 2 of:  French Math 10C French Social 10-1/10-2 French Science 10	FLA 20-1/20-2 plus at least 2 of:  French Math 20-1 / 20-2 French Social 20-1/20-2 French Biology 20 French Chemistry 20 French Physics 20	FLA 30-1/30-2 plus at least 2 of:  French Math 30-1/30-2 French Social 30-1/30-2 French Biology 30 French Chemistry 30 French Physics 30 French Science 30

Round out your course selections with Advanced Placement (AP) Courses or regular courses according to your interests and abilities. Below are the AP courses available.

	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Advanced Placement Courses	English 10 AP Math 10C AP Social 10 AP Science 10 AP	English 20 AP Math 20-1 AP/30-1 AP Social 20 AP /European History AP Biology 20 AP Chemistry 20 AP Physics 20 AP Computer Science 20 AP	English 30 AP Math 31 AP/35 AP Psychology AP Biology 30 AP/35 AP Chemistry 30 AP/35 AP Computer Science A 30 AP

**Note: Social 30 is required to graduate. There is no Social 30 AP course as students would have completed European History AP in Grade 11.**

**Summary:** You are not able to take all core AP courses when planning to complete a Bilingual Certificate. Students will be able to take **English AP plus 1 of:** Science AP, European History AP, or Math AP. However, students can still take non-core AP classes such as Computer Science AP (2 courses), AP 2D-Art, and AP Psychology as long as it can fit into the schedule.



# FINAL TAKEWAYS and COMMENTS

1. Students should have a passion for the subject if they are going to take AP in that subject.

2. Students should register in 10AP level courses if they have the motivation and skill sets to be successful in AP.

3. Students should register in 10AP if the points above describe them, even if they are still unsure about AP. It is easy to move out of AP, but difficult to move up into AP after grade 10. You are not locked into AP and you can take as many or as few AP courses as you like.

4. The experience of taking an AP course is most important benefit of taking AP in my opinion. University credits and entrance marks are a great bonus.

5. Students who are considering AP Computer Science or AP Psychology need to be registering in Computer Science 10 and Personal Psychology 10 in grade 10, so they can complete the AP courses before graduation.

## Summary:

Please read through the Paul Kane Guide book together as a family and use all of the information to help you with your decisions around registration.

Please contact me at [conrad.hope@spschools.org](mailto:conrad.hope@spschools.org) if you have anymore questions about AP.

# Advanced Placement Registration Flow Chart

