



Enrich yourself with Advanced Placement

"AP English 12 was the best English class and one of the best high school classes I ever took."
(Millwood graduate)

"I am in great debt to the AP program for giving me the knowledge and the skills that made my first year of university a lot easier."
(Sir John A. MacDonald graduate)

"The AP experience is one that I will never forget. Taking AP classes truly prepared me for University. I owe much of my success in University to the valuable lessons I learned while participating in the AP curriculum."
(JL Ilsley graduate)



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Every Student Can Learn.
Every School Will Improve.



What is the Advanced Placement Program?

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program offers you the opportunity to take one or more university-level courses while in high school. AP courses follow guidelines developed by the College Board, an association recognized by educational institutions across North America. Each course covers the information, skills and assignments you would find in a corresponding university course.

What are the benefits of AP?

There are many benefits to taking AP.

- **Enrichment:** Challenge yourself with rigorous academic courses.
- **Flexibility:** Choose courses based on your academic strengths and interests.
- **Preparation:** Experience university-level expectations and content to help you prepare for university studies.

- **University Recognition:** Earn credit, advanced placement, or both, based on your performance on standardized, demanding AP examinations.

Who should enroll in AP courses?

- Students who have a demonstrated record of achievement and a desire to attend university.
- Students who have a willingness to meet the challenges of a rigorous academic course.

Consider the AP challenge if you're ready to explore a subject in greater depth, learn to make connections with larger concepts, develop analytical reasoning skills, and form disciplined study habits that will contribute to your success at university.





Is there room for school activities and a life outside of school?

Yes! Although AP courses require a commitment of time and effort, you can balance this with extracurricular activities. In fact, you may find that the study habits and time management skills you develop through your AP courses will help you to participate in student clubs and councils, sports teams, volunteer organizations, and part-time jobs.

Which AP courses are available?

AP courses are offered at several schools in the Halifax Regional School Board. Schools offer a variety of courses based on student interest. Some examples are: English Literature and Composition, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, French, Music Theory, Computer Science, and Physics.

When are the exams written?

AP exams are written in May. The course mark on your June report will be based on your work in the course. The College Board will mail the AP exam result to you in early July.

How are exam results reported to universities?

On the exam answer sheet you'll be able to indicate if you'd like the College Board to send your exam mark directly to a university and, if so, to which university. You may also choose to send your AP exam mark to a university at a later date for a small fee.



How are the exams graded?

The multiple choice section of the exam is scored by a computer. The free-response booklets are evaluated by selected university professors and AP teachers. Each exam is graded on a five-point scale:

5. Extremely Well Qualified
4. Well Qualified
3. Qualified
2. Possibly Qualified
1. No Recommendation



What is the cost of the exam?

You do not pay the fee for taking an AP exam. The AP program in your school is funded by the Halifax Regional School Board and the Nova Scotia Department of Education.

I've decided that AP is for me! How do I enroll?

If you are interested in enrolling in an AP course, talk to an AP teacher or the AP Coordinator at your school. Discuss the course workload and any preparation you might need.

Where can I find out more?

Check out the following:

- Your school website
- Halifax Regional School Board website: www.hrsb.ns.ca/content/id/1108.html
- College Board website: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html
- AP Canada website: www.ap.ca

Please note: Most colleges and universities in Canada and the United States, as well as 40 other countries, have AP recognition policies. To get specific advice on a university's AP recognition policy contact the university's registrar.