

WHAT IS THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM?

AP Capstone™

is a diploma program based on two
AP courses:

AP Seminar and AP Research. These
yearlong courses focus
on developing the critical thinking,
research, collaboration, time
management, and presentation skills
you need for college-level work.

HOW IT WORKS:

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP
Seminar and AP Research
and on four additional AP Exams of your
choice, you'll receive
the AP Capstone Diploma™ .

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP
Seminar and AP Research,
you'll receive the AP Seminar and Research
Certificate™ .

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AP CAPSTONE STUDENTS STAND OUT IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: college admission officers recognize that AP Capstone students know how to build evidence-based arguments, apply research methods, work in teams, deliver professional presentations, and complete long-term academic projects.

AP SEMINAR:

In this course, you'll learn to consider an issue from multiple perspectives, identify credible sources, evaluate strengths and weaknesses of arguments, and make logical, evidence based recommendations. You'll investigate a variety of topics through various viewpoints of your choice.

During the course, you'll complete a team project and an individual paper and presentation, as well as take a written end-of-course exam. These components contribute to the overall AP Seminar score.

AP Seminar is a prerequisite for AP Research.

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What College Administrators Say:
“AP Capstone helps students develop key skills that they will use over and over in college: conducting research and communicating their results.”
—STU SCHMILL, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES,
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

AP RESEARCH:

In AP Research, you'll explore various research methods and complete an independent research project. Your project can build on a topic, problem, or issue you covered in AP Seminar or on a brand new topic of your own choosing. At the end of the project, you'll submit your academic paper and present and defend your research findings. These components contribute to the overall AP Research score. There is no end-of-course exam.