

Welcome to Heritage

Home of the Coyotes



Philosophy Of Pre-AP/AP

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Tonight's Agenda

- **Heritage High School's Philosophy**
- **What is Pre-AP/AP?**
- **Classroom view of Pre-AP/AP Classes**
- **Student view of Pre-AP/AP Classes**
- **Subject area breakouts**

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The Heritage High School Advanced Academics Philosophy

- **Open enrollment**
- **Challenge**
- **Student support**
- **Teacher preparation**

What is Pre-AP/AP?

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Pre-AP and AP

Pre-AP = provides appropriately challenging curriculum to prepare students for AP courses

AP = provides the student with college level course instruction and experiences while in a supportive home/school environment

Students develop college level analytical and study skills

Students gain academic confidence

AP Exam = A test at the end of an AP course that will allow students to earn college credit

All AP courses include the same curriculum across the nation and colleges recognize the rigor of the AP program

Benefits of the AP Program

College Readiness

Students are more prepared to take college courses and pursue challenging majors.

Competitive advantage in college admissions

85% of selective college and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions

AP students are exposed to rigorous college-level work

College credit for qualifying AP exam scores

Can use the AP Credit Search to find colleges that offer credit for AP exams

Financial benefits

AP exam replaces some course/major requirements

Most student with AP credit, complete college on time

Considerations

How many Pre-AP/AP classes should my child take?

Which Pre-AP/AP classes should my child take?

Interests

Time Commitment

Skills

**Is it better to earn an A in an on-level classes or
earn a B Pre-AP/AP classes?**

College readiness skills

Colleges admission reps prefer that students take college preparatory courses.

Classroom View of Pre-AP/AP Classes

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Pre-AP/AP vs. On- Level Classes

Students

Parents

How much more work is it?

Are they harder?

Can I have a life?

What do colleges want to see?

Can my child handle it?

What do I need to do?

How involved should I be?

Responsibilities of AP Students

1. A willingness to actively engage with sophisticated concepts.

- Desire to be challenged**
- Ask questions during class**
- Seek help when you need clarification**
- Stay organized**

2. A willingness to be judged by rigorous, college-level standards.

- More written vs. objective tests**
- Open-ended questions**
- Faster pace**
- More depth**

Responsibilities of AP Students

3. A willingness to complete longer and more complex nightly assignments.

- 30-50 pages a week of outside reading**
- 30 minutes to 1 hour of homework nightly**

4. A willingness to complete the Advanced Placement Examination in May.

- Studying/meeting outside of class**
- Accumulating knowledge and skills**

Duty of AP Teachers

College Rigor

**High School
Reality**



BALANCE

Duty of AP Teachers

Growth Mindset



Grade Point Average

AP/PAP	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
95		5.5
94		5.4
93		5.3
92		5.2
91		5.1
90	100	5.0
89	99	4.9
88	98	4.8
87	97	4.7
86	96	4.6
85	95	4.5
84	94	4.4

AP Examinations

- **Administered in May**
- **Approximately 3 hours long**
- **Composed of multiple choice and free-response questions**
- **Free-response questions scored by college professors and AP teachers in June**

AP Examinations

Interpretations of Scores

5 — Extremely Well Qualified

4 — Well Qualified

3 — Qualified

2 — Possibly Qualified

1 — No Recommendation

What scores do colleges accept?

AP Human Geography – 9th grade course

College	AP Score	Course	Credit hours
UT Austin	3, 4 or 5	GRG 305	3
Texas A & M	3, 4 or 5	GEOG 201	3
Texas Tech	3, 4 or 5	GEOG2300	3
TCU	4 or 5	10500	3
Baylor	3, 4 or 5	GEOG 1310 or ANT 1310	3
SMU	4 or 5	HUM 10XX	3
U of Arkansas	4 or 5	GEOS 1123	4
UTD	3, 4 or 5	GEOG 2303	3
Rice	no credit awarded		
Harvard	no credit awarded		

Exam Fees

- **\$94 per exam fee with the exception of AP Capstone, \$142 per exam**
- **Those who qualify for the lunch program will receive a fee reduction**
- **Cost of a 3 hr. course @ University (tuition & fees only):**
 - **UT Austin - \$2,185** (College of Liberal Arts)
 - **Baylor - \$6,270**

Junior Bill

Six AP exams = \$564 in March

What do Heritage Students Think about Pre-AP/AP?

1. Why did you decide to take Pre-AP/AP?
2. How much time do you spend on homework per class?
3. How do you handle the workload?
4. What was your biggest struggle, and how did you overcome it?
5. What do you need from your parents to help you succeed?
6. What advice would you give to someone interested in enrolling in Pre-AP/AP classes?

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Pre-AP/AP Support Process



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