

College Board: CAPSTONE Diploma

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AP Capstone Requirements

- AP Seminar (Combined with AP Language; must be taken 1st)
- AP Research (Will count as Senior English)
- 3 additional AP courses
- Must pass a total of 6 AP tests (including AP Seminar and Research)
- Seniors will be considered Capstone Eligible after passing AP Seminar.

Overview of AP Capstone Pedagogical Framework

QUEST

- The two courses of the AP Capstone program provide students with a framework that allows them to develop, practice, and hone their critical and creative thinking skills as they make connections between various issues and their own lives.
- This recursive process allows students to go back and forth between the processes as they encounter new information.

Question and Explore

Understand and Analyze Arguments

Evaluate Multiple Perspectives

Synthesize Ideas

Team, Transform, and Transmit

Why Engage in Undergraduate Research?

- Curiosity
- Passion
- Analysis
- College Readiness in chosen discipline
- Being a part of the conversation rather than a passive absorber of information

Creation/Innovation Skills Needed

- Knowledge Transmission
- Knowledge Creation
- Problem Solving
- Problem Finding
- Data Analyzing
- Data Mining

AP Seminar/Research: Core Skill Areas

Students practice, refine, and master the skills critical for academic success

<p>Identifying and Refining Research Questions Narrowing a scope of interest into a research question to serve as the foundation of a long-term investigation or inquiry.</p>	<p>Seeking and Synthesizing Background Information Becoming familiar with and synthesizing what others have discovered about the topic so that the scholar can verify the existence of a problem or gap in the knowledge base to form the basis of a long-term investigation.</p>
<p>Aligning Study Design Identifying an aligned, feasible research or inquiry design to accomplish the purpose of the research question and/or project goal while taking into consideration time constraints, availability of resources, participant accessibility, and paperwork due to ethics guidelines.</p>	<p>Analyzing and Evaluating Findings Interpreting the significance of the findings, results, or product and exploring connections to the original research question and project goal.</p>
<p>Engaging with Discipline-Specific Consultants Communicating with experts in the discipline or field of study to obtain guidance and feedback on one's research question, study purpose, interpretation of findings, or extended piece of scholarly work.</p>	<p>Peer Review Providing and receiving timely, constructive feedback according to a set of guidelines in order to improve one's critical eye and scholarly work</p>

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Showcasing Scholarly Work

Conveying a clear message in a way that engages and appeals to a specific audience.

Defending Inquiry Outcomes

Demonstrating the significance of one's research by explaining the research process, findings, conclusions, and reflections to those in attendance.

Reflecting

Making learning goals, assessing one's achievement toward such goals, and identifying both challenges that hindered and effective strategies that helped one achieve the goals.

Strengthening Self-Directedness and Time Management

Personally identifying tasks, setting deadlines, and holding oneself accountable to achieve a learning goal or create a scholarly product.

AP Seminar

3 Tasks

- **Task 1: Team Project & Presentation – 25% of total AP Seminar exam score**
 - Teams of 3-4 students will work together to research any topic of inquiry from multiple perspectives. They will write an individual essay, team essay, and do a team presentation.
- **Task 2: Individual Written Essay & Presentation – 35% of total AP Seminar exam score**
 - Students will develop a research question based on a stimulus packet provided by college board, write an essay examining the question from multiple perspectives, give an oral presentation and defense.
- **Task 3: Written Exam (3 Hours) – 40% of total AP Seminar exam score**

AP Research

1 Task

- **Students will deeply explore an academic topic, problem or issue of their choosing/interest.**
- **Students will plan, design, and conduct a research based investigation to address a research question.**
- **This research may or may not include primary research.**
- **Students will write a 5000 word academic paper. (75%)**
- **Students will give a 20 minute oral presentation with an oral defense. (25%)**

Higher Ed Recognition

Some of the 90+ colleges and universities that have endorsed AP Capstone

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Yale



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

AMHERST COLLEGE



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA at CHAPEL HILL

Georgetown UNIVERSITY

Berkeley UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY



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