

The *Advanced Placement Program*

North Forsyth High School



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Components of the AP Program

- ▶ AP Classes

- ▶ AP Exams

AP Classes

- ▶ College level classes that students take while attending high school
- ▶ Taught by teachers who have received AP training
- ▶ Classes are taken over the course of one year

AP Exams

- ▶ Students pay to take an AP exam. Exams are administered during the month of May.
- ▶ All students throughout the nation/world take the same AP exams on the same date and time.
- ▶ Students earn a score between 1 and 5.
- ▶ Students who earn a 3, 4, or 5 most likely will receive college credit; however, each university has its own requirements. Check the university's website.

AP Exams

- ▶ Each exam has a multiple choice portion and a free response portion.
- ▶ Exams are given on a strict schedule and under timed conditions.
- ▶ The longest exam is 3 hours and 25 minutes (without break); the shortest exam is 2 hours (without break)

How Are AP Exams Scored

- ▶ Teachers and college professors meet over a ten day period in the summer and score the exams.
- ▶ Scores are provided to students during early July.

How Are AP Classes Calculated in GPA?

- ▶ Students receive 1 quality point for an AP class
 - For example, a student who makes an A in an AP class will see a 5.0 in GPA calculation.
 - A student who makes a B in an AP class will see a 4.0 in GPA calculation.

How are AP classes calculated for the HOPE Scholarship.

- ▶ For HOPE, students receive .5, except students earning an A.
 - A = 4.0
 - B = 3.5
 - C = 2.5

Why should students take an AP class?

- ▶ Rigor for college admissions – by taking the classes
- ▶ A chance to earn college credit while in high school – by taking the AP exams

Why Do Colleges Like the AP Program

- ▶ Common curriculum across the nation – equal playing field
- ▶ Standardized assessments each year that are the same for all students
- ▶ Students are better prepared for academic rigor of college

Benefits of the AP Program

- ▶ Why do high schools offer college classes or AP classes?
 - Improves quality of the curriculum
 - Keeps students motivated and challenged
 - Provides educators with nationally-normed feedback
 - Raises rigor of academics
 - Provides our students with opportunities to get into colleges

Benefits of the AP Program

► For Students

- College credit
- Academic challenge
- Academic skills needed for college
- Increase in self-confidence, motivation, and academic orientation

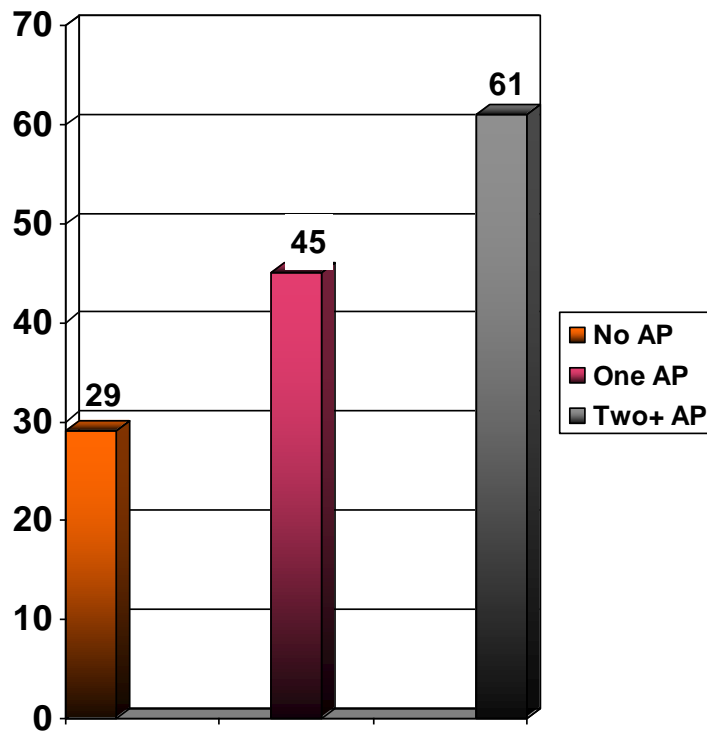
The Rewards of AP

- ▶ Prepare for success in college by taking college-level courses while still in high school
 - Explore advanced topics -- study in greater depth
 - Develop advanced skills -- form disciplined study habits
 - Build confidence in capability to succeed in college
 - Allows students to face academic challenges while having parental/teacher support
 - Students learn valuable study skills as well as the importance of participating in study groups

The Rewards of AP

- ▶ Opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement
 - Possible tuition savings
 - Flexibility in college course choice
 - Early entry to graduate/professional schools

AP and College Success™



Students who take AP® courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.

Source: College Board (2016)

College Admissions Information

- ▶ 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorable impacts admissions decisions.
- ▶ 31% percent of colleges and universities consider a student's AP experience when making decisions about which students receive scholarships.

What Counts in College Admissions?

- ▶ Student's grades in college prep classes
- ▶ Strength of curriculum
- ▶ Admission Test Scores
- ▶ Overall GPA
- ▶ Admissions essays

What Counts in College Admissions?

- ▶ Grades in college prep courses: 84.3%
- ▶ Strength of curriculum: 67.7%
- ▶ Admission test scores (SAT, ACT): 59.2%
- ▶ Grades in all courses: 51.9%
- ▶ Essay or writing sample: 24.9%
- ▶ Counselor recommendation: 19.2%
- ▶ Class Rank: 18.8%
- ▶ Teacher recommendation: 16.5%

Entrance Statistics for UGA – Freshman Class of 2018

- ▶ 26,500 Applications – 48% offered
- ▶ 5,750 in freshman class (84% from Georgia)
- ▶ 8 AP Classes
- ▶ GPA: 4.04
- ▶ ACT: 30 (36 is perfect score)
- ▶ SAT: 1365 (1600 is perfect score)

Entrance Statistics for GA Tech Freshman Class of 2017

- ▶ 35,613 Applications – 8,190 accepted
- ▶ 8 to 13 AP Courses
- ▶ GPA: 4.0
- ▶ ACT: 31 to 34 (36 is perfect score)
- ▶ SAT: 1400 to 1520 (1600 is perfect score)
- ▶ 95% of students have taken at least AP Calculus or its equivalent.

What Colleges Have Students with the Most AP Classes (out of top 200)

- ▶ UGA is ranked # 11 in the nation
- ▶ Georgia Tech is ranked # 18 in the nation
- ▶ Clemson is ranked # 32 in the nation
- ▶ Kennesaw State University is # 91 in the nation

Number of AP Course Offerings

- ▶ CTAE - 2
- ▶ English - 2
- ▶ Foreign Language - 3
- ▶ Fine Arts - 3
- ▶ Math - 3
- ▶ Science - 5
- ▶ Social Studies – 7
- ▶ Total 25

AP Courses

▶ English

- AP Language
- AP Literature

▶ Science

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C

AP Courses

▶ Mathematics

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

▶ CTAE

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Principles

AP Courses

- ▶ **Social Studies**
 - AP Government
 - AP Human Geography
 - AP Macroeconomics
 - AP Microeconomics
 - AP Psychology
 - AP US History
 - AP World History

AP Courses

▶ Fine Arts

- AP Music Theory
- AP Studio: 2D
- AP Studio: 3D

▶ World Language

- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

Sequence of Courses

▶ **9th grade – Human Geography**

Why should I take AP Human Geography?

- ▶ It is the only AP class designed for freshman students.
- ▶ It teaches the skills to be successful in future AP classes.
- ▶ The exam is 2 hours and 10 minutes – the AP World exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes.
- ▶ Colleges do give credit for this class – often as a humanities elective.

Sequence of Courses

- ▶ **10th grade** – World History, *Psychology, Computer Science, Biology, Human Geography, Environmental Science
- ▶ **11th and 12th grades** – various course offerings

*requires application

AP Art Classes

**AP 2D Studio
AP 3D Studio
AP Photography**

AP Studio Art classes are recommended for Seniors. Another grade level can take the course but would need to get approval and be very motivated. Also, it is advised to only take this art class during the AP year.

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2D Studio Assignments



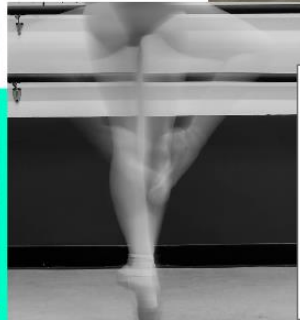
AP 2D STUDIO ASSIGNMENTS

3D Studio Assignments



AP 3D STUDIO ASSIGNMENTS

AP Photography



AP
PHOTO
ASSIGNMENTS

Characteristics of Successful AP Students

- ▶ Motivated
- ▶ Can manage time
- ▶ Able to read and understand concepts and ideas
- ▶ Able to express ideas (written and verbally)
- ▶ Is willing to do homework on the weekend
- ▶ Is not overly committed

AP Study Nights and AP Practice Exam



AP Celebrations



National AP Website

- ▶ AP Central

- ▶ <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>

Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ Can my student tryout an AP class and then drop the course in September?
- ▶ Can you tell me tonight if my child should take an AP course?

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Announcements

- ▶ Counseling is in cafeteria to answer questions about scheduling during all sessions.
- ▶ Work-based Learning (WBL) is also in the cafeteria.


Upcoming Events

Rising 9th Graders & Parents are invited to Save the Date for

Rise Up
RAIDER
Class of 2023

Saturday, March 2nd
9 AM – 11:30 AM
North Forsyth High School

Pathway Exploration
Parent/Student Information Sessions
Registration Information
Clubs, Athletics & Organizations



Rise Up Raider Day

Saturday, March 2nd

9 AM to 11:30 AM

Sessions

- ▶ Session 1- 6:45 to 7:05
- ▶ Session 2- 7:10 to 7:30
- ▶ Session 3- 7:35 to 7:55
- ▶ Teachers will share course sequence information and suggested prerequisites.
- ▶ See handout for room assignments.