

### **Why Advanced Placement (AP)?**

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is the national standard for academic rigor and college readiness, providing high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. AP courses provide the level of rigor that best prepares students for post-secondary success. The following list includes additional benefits of taking AP classes:

- AP courses offer students material that is intellectually stimulating and challenging
- AP courses provide challenging curriculum and require mastery of skills that help prepare students for success at the University level
- AP course material, classroom discussions, and rigorous assignments help develop content mastery and critical thinking skills necessary for post-secondary success
- AP courses allow students to work at a college level while still in high school to help them measure their readiness for success at the University level
- AP courses allow for the opportunity for students to save money on college tuition by testing out of freshman level college courses when they pass an AP test in high school
- AP courses, according to studies, produce students that are statistically more successful in college than students who do not take AP courses in high school
- AP courses are becoming a much more important part of colleges admissions decisions. In 2014 59.28% of UCLA applicants who were accepted to the school had taken 19 semesters or more of AP/Honors courses in high school. Conversely the acceptance rate for students who only took between 8-11 semesters of AP/Honors courses in high school was only 4.76%
- AP students success rate in college has caused many colleges/universities to place more emphasis on what courses a student took rather than just GPA and SAT/ACT scores. The University of Georgia has announced they would prefer AP/Honors students with a lower GPA over students with a higher GPA that did not take AP/Honors courses in high school

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