



The AP[®] Program

at Cleburne County High School

AP[®] Basics

- Advanced Placement Program[®] (AP[®]) courses are college-level courses offered in high school. AP courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- At the end of course, students take **AP Exams**—standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work.
- Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

AP[®] Courses Offered by Our School:

- United States History - Mr. Kevin Boyd
- Chemistry - Mrs. Jennifer Dasinger
- Calculus AB - Mr. Mike Altman
- English Language and Composition – Mrs. Tassa Cooper
- English Literature and Composition - Mrs. Christy Ader

What Are AP[®] Courses Like?

- AP courses typically demand more of students than regular or honors courses.
- Classes tend to be fast-paced and cover more material than typical high school classes.
- More time, inside and outside of the classroom, is required to complete lessons, assignments and homework.
- AP teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, weigh competing perspectives, and write clearly and persuasively.

AP[®] Exams

- AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates each May.
- Exams usually last around three hours.
- Each AP Exam contains:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response)

AP[®] Exam Dates

- United States History - Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Chemistry - Friday, May 7, 2021
- Calculus AB - Tuesday, May 4, 2021
- English Language and Composition – Wednesday, May 12, 2021
- English Literature and Composition - Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Why Take AP[®]?

- **Stand out on college applications.** AP courses on a student's transcript shows that they've challenged themselves with the most rigorous courses available to them. And success on an AP Exam shows that they're ready for college-level coursework.
- **Earn college credit and/or skip introductory courses in college.** Most four-year colleges and universities in the United States—as well as many institutions in more than 100 other countries—grant students credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores.
- **AP courses grades are “weighted”.** Students can earn higher GPA and class rank by taking college level courses.
- **Challenge yourself.** Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success
- **Student Support.** All students will have access to AP Central study materials to help them prepare for their tests utilizing resources from those who create the exams. Students will also have a variety of support from CCHS AP teachers through study sessions, tutoring sessions, and other support systems.

AP[®] and College Success

A recent study* showed that students who earned a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam had **higher first-year college grade point averages** and were **more likely to return for the second year of college** than non-AP students of similar ability.

“One of the best standard predictors of academic success at Harvard is performance on Advanced Placement Examinations.”

—William Fitzsimmons,
Dean of Admissions &
Financial Aid, Harvard
University

AP[®] Exam Fees

- AP Exam fee for 2021 is \$94 per exam.
- For students with financial need, the College Board provides a small fee reduction.
 - \$32 per exam reduction for a cost of \$53

United States History

Jacksonville State University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3	6	HY 201 and HY 202

Auburn University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
4 OR 5	3 OR 6	HIST 2010 OR HIST 2010 and HIST 2020

University of Alabama

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
4	6	HY 103 & HY 104

Chemistry

Jacksonville State University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3 OR 4	4 OR 8	CY 105/107 OR CY 105/107 and CY 106/108

Auburn University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
4 OR 5	4 OR 8	CHEM 1030, & 1031 OR CHEM 1030, 1031, 1040 & 1041

University of Alabama

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3 OR 4 OR 5	3 OR 4 OR 5	CH 104 OR CH 101 OR CH 101 & CH 102

Calculus AB

Jacksonville State University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3	7	MS 113 and MS 125

Auburn University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3	7	MATH 1130 & 1610

University of Alabama

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3	4	MATH 125

English Language and Composition

Jacksonville State University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3 OR 4	3 OR 6	EH 101 OR EH 101 and EH 102

Auburn University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
4 OR 5	3 OR 6	ENGL 1100 OR ENGL 1100 and ENGL 1120

University of Alabama

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3 OR 4	3 OR 6	EN 101 OR EN 101 & EN 102

English Literature and Composition

Jacksonville State University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3 OR 4	3 OR 6	EH 101 OR EH 101 and EH 102

Auburn University

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
4 OR 5	3 OR 6	ENGL 1100 OR ENGL 1100 and ENGL 1120

University of Alabama

AP Score	Credit Earned	Courses Completed
3 OR 4	3 OR 6	EN 101 OR EN 101 & EN 102

AP Myths and Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the workload.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	A “B” in an AP class is the GPA Equivalent to an “A” in a core class. Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

Learn More

- For more information about AP courses and exams visit: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- To find out what is accepted by colleges, visit that school's website.
- To find out what score is accepted by the college of your choice visit:
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

