



The AP[®] / Dual Credit Program At West Noble High School

The 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

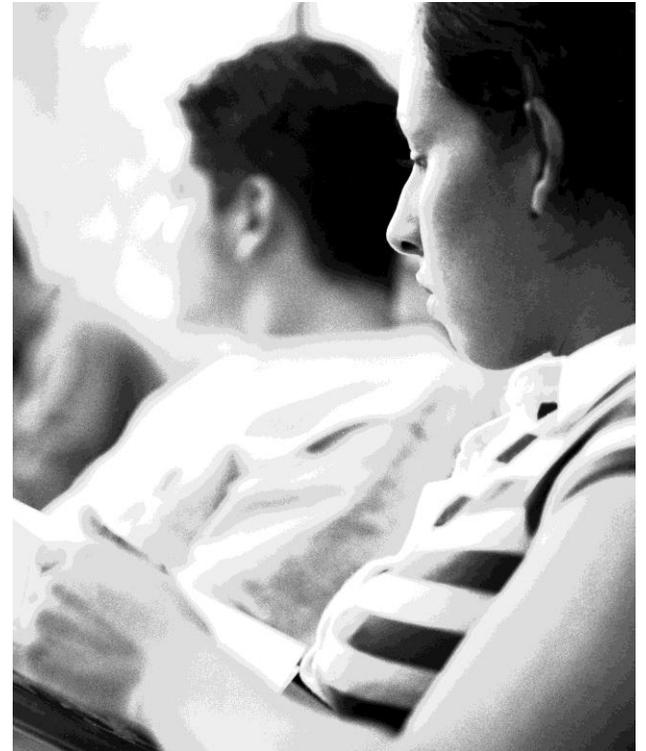
At the end of each course, students take **AP Exams**—standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work.

Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

The Benefits of AP Courses

AP courses can be challenging, but it's work that pays off.

- AP courses are often the most interesting and fulfilling courses a student takes in high school.
- AP teachers are among the most prepared, dedicated, and inspiring teachers at their schools.
- Students develop confidence, and learn the study habits and time management skills essential for success in college.



AP and College Admission

- Colleges rank “Grades in college prep courses” and “Strength of curriculum” as the **top two factors** in the admission decision.*
- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student’s AP experience **favorably impacts** admission decisions.**

“We look favorably on students who have taken AP courses. The presence of AP courses is a sign that a student has chosen to challenge him/herself.”
—Admission Officer

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.
(Contract)
- AP teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, weigh competing perspectives, and write clearly and persuasively.



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Dear Parents and Prospective Students of AP Course offerings;

The following letter has been prepared by the AP teachers of West Noble High School in order to inform both students and parents of the expectations and demands of the many AP (Advanced Placement) programming offered. Please review this letter, which was prepared in accordance with AP programming recommendations, and feel free to contact any of the AP teachers, building principals, or guidance counselors with your questions at any time. Upon acceptance of these terms and expectations, parents and students are requested to sign and return the bottom portion of this letter as an agreement to these standards set forth by the AP department at West Noble Schools.

Students must be aware of and accept their role in the team effort. Some students may believe they are ready for college-level work without having a real comprehension of what that means. Some may think that, because they have not been challenged in their other courses, talk of an increased time commitment and workload is just another scare tactic that will not apply to them. All students who want to be successful in the AP courses must be prepared to work harder than they have ever worked before.

AP Credit Expands Students' Options

College credit earned through AP Exams allows students to move into upper-level college courses sooner, pursue a double major, and gain time to study and travel abroad.

“As a freshman, I was able to skip general education requirements and head straight into the higher-level classes I wanted to take. Taking AP Exams literally saved me semesters of time.”—Brent Wiese, University of Iowa



AP Helps Students Graduate on Time...

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time.

- Only **one in four** students who enter college complete a bachelor's degree in four years.*
- A recent study** showed that students taking AP courses and exams were **much more likely** to earn a college degree in four years.

For example, AP English Literature students had four-year college graduation rates that were **62% higher** than students that had not taken AP English Literature.

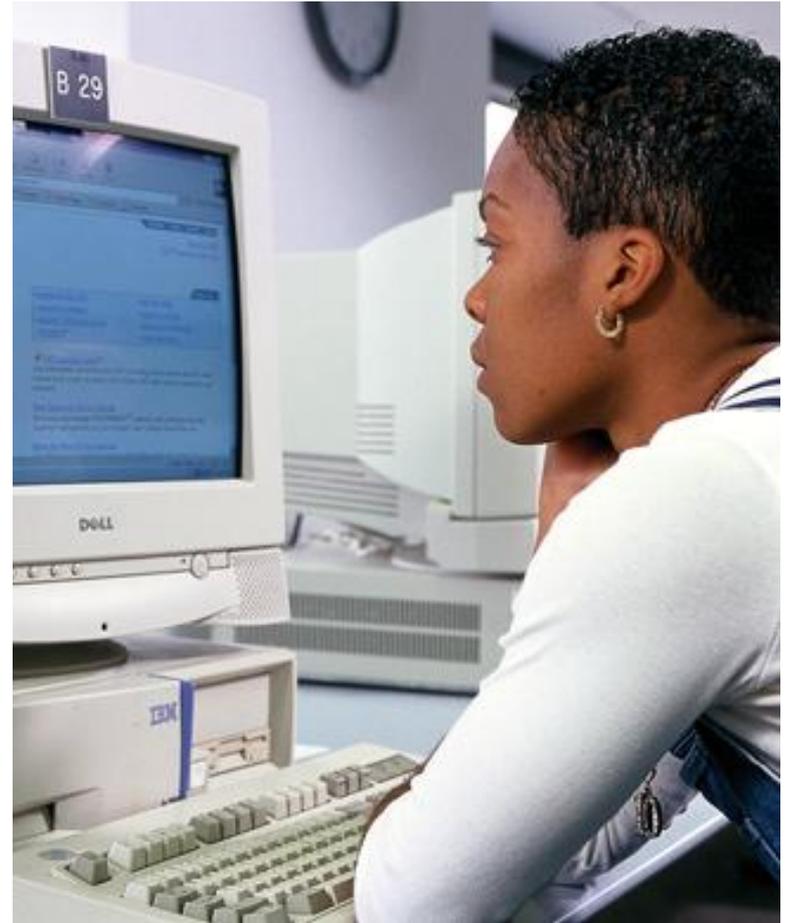
* IPEDS database, 2008

** Linda Hargrove, Donn Godin, and Barbara Dodd, "College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences." The College Board, 2008.

AP Boosts Eligibility for Scholarships

31% of colleges and universities consider a student's AP experience when making decisions about which students will receive scholarships.*

“Having the AP Exam score can make the difference when it comes down to awarding precious scholarship dollars.”
—Edwina Harris Hamby, former Dean of Admission, Fisk University



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 Success

- Student has to learn time management
- Student has to be able to prioritize
- Student needs to be willing to form a study group with others in the AP course
- Student must read all assigned texts
- Student must do homework
- Student must be willing to do extra “test” practice questions

AP Schedule

- 1) All AP Courses are the first two trimesters
- 2) Third trimester should follow with setting up study sessions or material to prepare for the AP Exams in May.
- 3) AP Classes *do* count towards Academic Honors Diploma regardless of Test score

AP Courses Offered by Our School:

- AP Calculus (AB) (Jr./Sr.)
- AP Environmental Science (Jr./Sr.)
- AP Chemistry (Jr./Sr.)
- AP World History (Soph./Jr./Sr.)
- *AP Economics (Odd Years, Jr./Sr.)*
- *AP English Literature (Jr.)*

AP Requirements at West Noble

Students have to meet the following requirements to take an AP course at WN starting in 2012-13.

- 1) Pass ELA ECA or 8th grade English ISTEP
- 2) 3.0 GPA
- 3) Grade of A in English and related courses. Grade of A or B if related course is Honors Level

For Environmental, World History, Macroeconomics, and English Literature and Composition

AP Requirements at West Noble

- 1) Pass Algebra I ECA
 - 2) 3.0 GPA
 - 3) Grade of A in related courses. Grade of A or B if related course is Honors level.
 - 4) Chemistry requires math courses to be included
- * For Calculus AB and Chemistry

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 Fees

- AP Exam fee for 2012 is \$79 per exam.
- AP Exams for students enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program will be free.
- WN High Ability students' exams will be free.
- In Indiana, additional federal and/or state funding provide these additional fee subsidies:
 - Science and Math paid

Why Take AP Exams?

1) More than 3,200 colleges and universities offer credit or advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores. This includes more than **90 percent** of four-year U.S. colleges and universities.

- Credit:** Students earn points toward their college degrees

- Advanced placement:** Students can skip introductory courses, enter higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.

* Student receives a 3,4, or 5 on AP Exam they are entitled to receive post-secondary level credit at a state educational institute—counts towards meeting the students degree requirements if elective credit is available within a particular major. (transferin.net)

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High School Students > Advanced Placement (AP) > View AP By Exam Title

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English Literature and Composition

Select All

Submit Query

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Why Take AP Exams

2. Cost of AP exam versus college class

- IPFW 3 credit hour class - \$745.35
- AP exam - \$79

3. Meet Academic Honors Diploma Requirement

- a. 4 credits in AP and take corresponding exam
- b. 6 dual college/high school credits
- c. 2 credits in AP and take corresponding exam and 3 college/high school credits

How Would I do on an AP Exam?

AP Potential

Using PSAT/NMSQT data, researchers have found that PSAT/NMSQT scores are predictive of AP Exam performance. As a result, the College Board developed a free, web-based tool that allows schools to generate rosters of students who are likely to score a 3 or better on a given AP Exam. AP Potential is designed to help schools increase access to AP and to ensure that no student who has the chance of succeeding in AP is overlooked.

Preparing for AP Exams

- Macroeconomics and World History - I let them keep their textbooks, workbooks and or AP test prep books. I told them if need they could ask for additional help as needed.
- Calculus – lab offered 3rd trimester.

Learn More

- See Mrs. Traci Werling for more information about the AP program at West Noble High School.
- For more information about AP courses and exams visit www.collegeboard.com/apstudents.

AP Instructors

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Dual Credit

- The Dual Credits that West Noble offer are college level courses taught by West Noble teachers who have been approved by IPFW, IUSB, or Trine University to teach these college level courses.
- Students completing a Dual Credit course successfully will receive college credits from IPFW, IUSB, or Trine.

Dual Credit

- Student are not required to complete a standardized exam at the end of the course to get these credits.
- Most Universities have a grade requirement of C- or above to receive a college credit.
- These credits may transfer to other college/ universities. Finding out how credits transfer is the responsibility of the students and parents.
- Resources: transferin.net (public) and <http://www.icindiana.org/pal/dualcredit/dcequivalents.asp> (private)

Dual Credit at West Noble

2013-14

English

- 1) IPFW W131 Elementary Composition – (Sr)
- 2) IPFW COM 114 Fundamentals of Speech Communication (Jr./Sr.)
- 3) IUSB ENG-L202 Literary Interpretation (Sr.)

Science

- 1) IPFW PHYS 22000 General Physics (Jr./Sr.)

Dual Credits at West Noble

Social Studies

- 1) US History– Trine Univ. American History H103 and H113
- 2) Psychology – Trine Univ. Principles of Psychology PSY 113
- 3) Government – Trine Univ. Intro to Government GOV 103

Dual Credit at West Noble

- Miscellaneous Dual Credit

Theatre Arts

- 1) IPFW THTR 13400 Fundamentals of Performance
- 2) THTR 20100 Theatre Appreciation

These counts for General Education Requirement at IPFW.

Dual Credit College Requirements

- 1) IPFW
 - a. 3.0 GPA
 - b. Pass Algebra and English ECA
- 2) IUSB
 - a. 2.7 GPA
 - b. Endorsement from teacher and counselor
- 3) Trine
 - a. Student agreement form

Dual Credit Cost

1) IPFW

a. English W131 Elementary Composition - \$25 per credit hour (\$75)

b. COM 114 Fundamentals of Speech - \$105.10 per credit hour (\$315.30)

c. Typical cost at IPFW per credit hour is \$248.33 (\$745)

d. 60% savings

Dual Credit Cost

2) IUSB

a. ENG-L202 Literary Interpretation - \$25 per credit hour (\$75)

3) Trine

a. All classes will be \$50 per credit hour (\$150)

* IPFW and IUSB – Students who participate in the Free and Reduced lunch/Textbooks programs get their fees waived.

AP Versus Dual Credits

- 1) **Purdue University** - We really don't have a preference to one over the other. We just like to see that students are taking a strong, challenging curriculum in which they are able to succeed. As far as the courses transferring to Purdue, please refer to this link: http://admissions.purdue.edu/transfer_credit/transfer_ap.html. There is a link there to the Transfer Credit Database that has information on college coursework that transfers as well as the link to AP credit. If a course is listed as a number it transfers directly to a Purdue course, if it has x's in it, then it comes in as undistributed credit.
- 2) **University of Notre Dame** -The automatic ways to earn credit are via the **Advanced Placement (AP) tests (typically scores of 4 or 5) and even then, credit is not always assured depending on your major intent. As for credit earned at a four-year institution or community college, the criteria will be as follows: **You must have completed the course on a college campus, not in the high school, and the credit cannot double count for high school graduation requirements and college advancement concurrently. **You must, of course, earn a strong grade in the course. **The course must match the content description of a similar Notre Dame course. You will need to provide the academic bulletin for the community college. Frankly, based on conversations with our First Year of Studies, I cannot be that encouraging that your community college credits will help to advance your process through the first year at Notre Dame. The courses do serve as fine preparation for subject material that you will encounter here, but credit may not be granted toward a Notre Dame degree.**

AP Versus Dual Credit

- **Ball State University** - When our committee reviews an applicant, they look to see how many AP, Honors, and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses have been taken. **Dual credit courses are extremely helpful to the applicant because the credit has already been earned. An AP course will be dependent on the test taken. The committee looks for successful completion of a course as well as if it was AP, Honors, or IB. We do not necessarily prefer one over the other, but will acknowledge the successful completion of both.**
- **Indiana University** - IU does not have a preference between Dual Credit courses and AP courses. They are both taken into consideration when looking at students' files.

NEW Law Concerning College Credits

- **Streamlining college transfer:** Senate Enrolled Act 182 requires the Commission for Higher Education to implement and maintain a common numbering system for college courses offered by the state's colleges and universities. SEA 182 also requires the establishment of a common general education core curriculum (30 credit hours) that is recognized by all public institutions by May 2013. Taken together, these actions are designed to help students understand how courses transfer between colleges and to ensure students are not required to retake comparable courses at additional time and expense.

Questions?