

Advanced Placement Programs

Appleton North High School
EXPLORE 2018



Why Take AP Courses?

WHY TAKE AP?

Challenge
myself

Take charge
of my future

Find subjects
that interest me

More flexibility in my
college schedule

Start thinking like
a college student

Earn
College
credit

Over 2,600 colleges
worldwide grant
credit for AP scores

See my hard
work **Pay off**

Get the **experience**
colleges recognize

Student Perspectives on Advanced Placement

Why do students feel they have benefitted from AP coursework?

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/what-it-takes/student-voices/broader-learning-abroad>



Appleton North Alumni

Joanne Zhou, Stanford Medical School, Class of 2011

Appleton North high school's AP classes have taught me to how think critically. For example, in AP History classes, we were challenged to analyze and dissect historical literature by drawing parallels between human behavior and the rise and fall of societies. Taking multiple AP classes has also trained me to be disciplined with my time, prepared me for stressful situations, and broadened my academic pursuits in both the humanities and sciences.

Appleton North Alumni

"Appleton North's wide selection of AP offerings allowed me to earn credit for many introductory university courses, which, in turn, will allow me to focus on pursuing courses in my major earlier on in my studies. Beyond their clerical advantages, AP courses also exposed me to rigorous workloads similar to those I now experience in college. This made the transition from high school to college smoother and even prepared me for university courses not related to the AP curriculum."

Macalister Bagwell, Stanford University Class of 2021

Appleton North Alumni

“Because I was looking at small, liberal arts colleges, I didn't expect to get much credit for the numerous AP tests and classes I took. Not only did I earn a semester and a half worth of credits with my AP scores, but so far I have been among the best prepared students for the challenges that college has offered. The many essays, DBQ's, and writing exercises done in the AP classes across the subjects offered at North have helped immensely in meeting the high expectations for writing in college classes. Having the ability to take AP classes in high school has made it possible for me to jump right into some upper level courses at Macalester, which will allow me the freedom to continue to take the classes I enjoy while also completing all the required courses for my future major. I recommend Appleton North's AP program to any high school student looking for a challenging academic experience.”

Kayla Schang

Macalester College | Class of 2021

Appleton North Alumni

“In high school I took AP classes so I could engage in discussion with high-achieving and hard working students, but after completing my first semester of college I now know how much of an impact AP curriculum can have. The 9 AP tests I took in high school not only made me feel more prepared for the college workload and curriculum but have also saved me thousands of dollars. I am already done with my general education requirements and will be able to graduate a year early, saving myself even more money...all because of the APs.”

Nora Ptacek

University of Minnesota Twin Cities | Class of 2021

Appleton North Alumni

“The AP program at North was a fundamental part of my high school experience. These specialized courses such as AP World History and AP Biology helped me gain exposure to subjects I otherwise had no familiarity with. Furthermore, this exposure is what prepared me for college subjects and ultimately led me towards my declared majors. The rigor of AP classes also taught me better ways to learn and get a handle on difficult material—a skill that has become indispensable at the university level. Truly, the AP program aided in the shaping of my education and who I am as a scholar today.”

Freddie Xu

Duke University | Class of 2020

Points of Pride

AP Data

A look at the data

| Exam Year | AP Exam Areas | Number of Students | Total Tests | Pass Rate (3 or higher) |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2014 | 35 | 408 | 764 | 74% |
| 2015 | 35 | 426 | 813 | 76% |
| 2016 | 35 | 410 | 828 | 78% |
| 2017 | 35 | 405 | 843 | 81% |

- In perspective the national pass rate average over the 2017 exam cycle was 67%.
- In 2016, the State of Wisconsin averaged 65.5% over 3 on the exam, the national average that year was 55.9%!

AP Growth

“In the spring of 2009, North had 216 students take 370 AP exams and score a grade of 3 or higher on 281 of them.

From 2009 to 2016, North has more than doubled the number of AP exams taken by students while maintaining a 78% advanced placement score of 3 or higher!”

Source: The Rest of the Story: Appleton North High School

<http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=10896186>

AP Courses by Discipline

Social Studies

Joel Hermansen

What skills can students expect to gain by taking these courses?

AP World History

AP US History/AP American Studies

AP Psychology

AP Government: US and Comparative

AP Microeconomics

AP Macroeconomics

Mathematics

Kristen Klunder

What skills can students expect to gain
by taking these courses?

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

Science

Jill Rietveld

What skills can students expect to gain
by taking these courses?

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Physics

English Language Arts

Aaron Ramponi

What skills can students expect to gain
by taking these courses?

AP English Language
and Composition
(AP American Literature)

AP American Studies
(AP American Literature
and AP U.S. History)

AP English Literature
and Composition

Computer Science

Chad Behnke

What skills can students expect to gain
by taking these courses?

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science A

World Languages

Sarah Klein

What skills can students expect to gain
by taking these courses?

AP/CAPP German (204)

AP/CAPP Spanish (204)

AP/CAPP French (204)

CAPP French (312)

CAPP Spanish (312)

*CAPP is different from AP

HS CREDIT, AP Credit or CAPP Credit?

What is the difference?

- The order/timeline that you receive the retroactive credits.
- Taking as AP Credit you...
 - pay for the AP test.
 - earn the credits based on your test score on the AP Test.
- Taking as CAPP you...
 - pay for the course (\$500 2017-2018).
 - receive the credits earlier.
 - know your teacher.
 - have a full year to complete a semester of course work.
 - Opportunity to transfer credits ([link](#))

DO I MEET THE REQUIREMENTS?

Are you a junior or senior that meets one of the following requirements:

- Class rank in the top 25 percent
- GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale
- ACT score of 24 and one of the following:
 - ✓ class rank in the top 50 percent
 - ✓ GPA of 2.75 or above

Other students may be eligible with approval of the University liaison, high school adjunct instructor and program director.

Frequently Asked Questions



FAQ

How much do CAPP course costs?

How much do the tests cost?

Do the results of AP examinations impact college admissions?

What types of scores receive college credit?

Do AP classes factor into GPA as weighted grades?

Your questions?