



AP Capstone: Higher Ed Credit and Placement Policies

How are students recognized?

- ▶ Two levels of distinction are available to students who earn qualifying scores of 3 or higher on AP Capstone assessments and additional AP Exams, providing an opportunity for students to distinguish themselves in the college application process.

AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation

Individual Research-Based
Essay & Presentation

End-of-Course Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Paper

Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.

Some of the 300+ colleges and universities that have endorsed AP Capstone as a valuable admission credential



What does Higher Education say?

- More than **300 colleges and universities** now have credit policies in place for AP Capstone courses
- The AP Capstone experience is most valuable for students seeking to build the skills critical to success in college and to stand out in the admissions process
- For a full list of colleges and universities that support AP Capstone, visit: collegeboard.org/apcapstone

College and University Support for AP Capstone

The colleges and universities below have confirmed their support for AP Capstone by signing a statement of support endorsing its rigorous interdisciplinary approach and/or by granting credit for the successful completion of an exam in AP Seminar, AP Research, or both.

📄 – Have signed a Statement of Support publicly endorsing AP Capstone.

📄 – Have developed credit and placement policies for AP Seminar, AP Research, or both.

- Adams State University 📄
- Amherst College 📄
- Arcadia University 📄
- Ashland Community and Technical College 📄
- Auburn University 📄
- Baldwin Wallace University 📄
- Ball State University 📄
- Baylor University 📄
- Big Sandy Community and Technical College 📄
- Blue Ridge Community and Technical College 📄
- Bluefield State College 📄
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College 📄
- Boston College 📄
- Boston University 📄
- Bowie State University 📄
- BridgeValley Community and Technical College 📄
- Bridgewater State University 📄
- Broward College 📄
- Brown University 📄
- Bryn Mawr College 📄
- Bucknell University 📄
- Butler University 📄
- California Institute of Technology 📄
- California Maritime Academy 📄
- California Polytechnic State University: San Luis Obispo 📄
- California State Polytechnic University: Pomona 📄
- California State University: Bakersfield 📄
- California State University: Channel Islands 📄
- Newman University 📄
- Nichols College 📄
- North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University 📄
- North Florida Community College 📄
- Northeastern University 📄
- Northern Kentucky University 📄
- Northwest Florida State College 📄
- Oakland University 📄
- Occidental College 📄
- Otterbein University 📄
- Owensboro Community and Technical College 📄
- Palm Beach Atlantic University 📄
- Palm Beach State College 📄
- Pasco-Hernando State College 📄
- Pensacola State College 📄
- Philadelphia University 📄
- Pierpont Community and Technical College 📄
- Pitzer College 📄
- Point Park University 📄
- Polk State College 📄
- Potomac State College of West Virginia University 📄
- Princeton University 📄
- Purdue University 📄
- Queens University of Charlotte 📄
- Rice University 📄
- Robert Morris University 📄
- Rollins College 📄

Credit and Placement Policies

Policies currently in place across the country include the following:

- Credit for a core course in English that is both writing-intensive and focused on inquiry (a large, public flagship).
- Credit for a first year Independent Studies course (a mid-sized, regional public institution).
- Six elective credits per course in the AP Capstone program
- Admittance to the Honors program and a merit scholarship for students who complete the entire AP Capstone program
- General education units for students completing either or both components of the AP Capstone program and subject-specific application of the credits awarded for AP Research after departmental review of the student's paper (a large public flagship).

Statewide University System Policies (so far)

- California State University system granting credit for Critical Thinking for Seminar and reviewing Research this fall
- Select Illinois campuses granting Elective and Eng. 101 credit
- Florida granting Interdisciplinary Critical Thinking credit for AP Seminar and Interdisciplinary Special Topics credit for AP Research
- SC, KY, W. VA, WI, OH, N.D –granting Gen. Ed. elective credit for either course
- VA, IN, and LA are all in the process of convening faculty reviews this summer and fall

Specific Institution Policies and Policy Models

Here are some examples of finalized credit policies:

- MIT is awarding 9 credits (caution – they are on quarters, not semesters) for scores of 5 on both courses
- Texas State is treating Capstone as they do a completed IB diploma – an award of credit hours, placement into Honors, and a scholarship

Other institutions are looking at:

- Modeling off of their IB plan
- Course match models to
 - English
 - Communications
 - Speech
 - Lower-level research course*
 - Lower-level independent study*
 - Lower-level interdisciplinary study*
- Competency models for those degree plans that require, for example a block of writing-intensive units

What about Other Institutions

- You can search for any institution's credit and placement policies for any AP here:
- <https://apcourseaudit.epiconline.org/ledger/>
- This site is updated on a routine basis.