

Why Take Advanced Placement Courses at Hagerty High School?

Advance Placement Program (AP) courses at Hagerty High School give you a head start on college while you're still in the supportive environment of a high school classroom. Taking the end-of-course AP exam sends a powerful message to colleges and universities that you're ready for them, and can enable you to gain admission, college credit, and placement into advanced courses. The intensity of college exams catches far too many freshmen by surprise. Taking the AP Exams will put you a step ahead, and give you a clear understanding of what you need to succeed on a college exam.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Students who participate in AP are ultimately given the responsibility to reason, analyze, and understand for themselves. Studies show that those participating in the AP program are much more likely to earn a bachelor's degree in four years or less. Most of the nation's colleges and universities and 30 other countries around the world, grant students credit, placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam grades. The AP Exams provide college and universities with additional information about your ability to succeed in college-level study. Many colleges also use AP Exam grades to place students into honors classes.

COLLEGE CREDIT

Some colleges give credit for a qualifying AP Exam grade means you actually earn points/hours toward your college degree. Others award "advanced placement" which means you can skip introductory courses, enter higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements. Many colleges and universities offer both credit and placement. College credit or placement increases your options. They can also allow you to move into upper-level courses sooner, pursue a double major or combined B.A./M.A. program, and gain time to study and travel abroad.

TEAM EFFORTS:

Valuable honors courses are offered at Hagerty High School, but AP courses are the only ones actually designed by teams of college professors, who work alongside expert secondary school teachers. College faculty participate in the scoring of the AP Exam taken at the end of each course, comparing your scores to their own college students, verifying your mastery of the same level of curriculum. The AP Program offers a portfolio of courses and examinations that are developed by committees of college professors from dozens of U.S. colleges and experienced AP high school teachers through out the world.

AP TEST SAVINGS:

College and universities only give credit or placement for qualifying AP Exam grades, not AP course grades. Without a corresponding AP Exam, they cannot verify that the AP courses you take are true college-level courses. A qualifying grade (3, 4, or 5) on an AP Exam can give you credit for equivalent course at thousands of colleges and universities. This could save you as much as several thousand dollars.

COST:

The College Board, which develops AP courses and exams, is dedicated to helping students make the transition to college. Students do not pay a fee to take an AP course, but do pay an end-of-course AP Exam fee which the College Board uses to score the exams, report the student's grade results to colleges, offer teacher training, develop classroom resources, and so on. The College Board partners with state and federal government to reduce and/or waive the exam fee for students. Hagerty High School offers the courses and the tests at no cost to students.

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