

AP Capstone I: Seminar

AP Seminar offers students the opportunity to refine and expand their research, collaboration, and writing skills from a cross-curricular approach. After students successfully complete AP Seminar, they are also eligible to enroll in AP Research their senior year (success is defined by passing the course). AP Research offers a college-level opportunity to craft a more independent study of research. If students pass the AP exam in Seminar and Research, they earn an AP Capstone diploma and awards, which are highly valued by colleges. AP Seminar adds a +1 GPA boost.

What skills and interests would help a student succeed in this course?

- Strong Communication skills
 - Group work, collaboration, presentation
- Interest in pursuing independent research on cross-curricular topics
 - Research skills
- Time management (independent study)
- Independence and initiative

For rising sophomores (English 10 credit):

This offers an opportunity to add an AP course sophomore year as credit for English 10. Additionally, rising sophomores could take Seminar in 10th grade, AP Lang in 11th grade, and AP Research in 12th grade. Students who are strong collaborators and communicators or have an interest in research might lean towards AP Seminar.

All AP courses prepare students for their AP exam. For AP Lit/Lang, this exam is the entirety of how students earn college/AP credit. However, for Seminar, AP scores are a composite of a Group Research presentation, an individual research paper and presentation, AND the exam. Because of this, the sit-down exam is only 45% of their AP score. So, students who might struggle with timed writings tend to be more successful with this type of AP credit format as opposed to AP Lit or Lang.

For rising juniors and seniors (elective credit):

This offers an opportunity for students to take an AP English weighted credit ELECTIVE. Rising juniors are eligible to take AP Research senior year and earn the AP Capstone diploma.

AP Seminar is a prerequisite for AP Research.