



# AP Seminar: Where Creativity Meets Critical Thinking



*Get ready for anything by building skills critical for success in all majors and careers.*

In AP® Seminar, students learn essential and transferable skills they can use in high school, college, and career.

In this course, students choose their own topic to study while they learn and build research skills, including investigation, collaboration, writing, and presentation.

There are no prerequisites for AP Seminar. It's most often taken in grade 10 or 11 and can serve as a great first or early AP course. Taking even one AP course can improve students' first-year college GPA and on-time college graduation rates.

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Some schools offer AP Seminar as part of a two-course sequence that make up the AP Capstone Diploma™ program. Taking AP Seminar will prepare you for AP Research. AP Research will take you a step further to design, plan, and conduct a yearlong research-based investigation on a topic of your choice.

Completing the program can earn students one of two different AP Capstone™ awards, which are valued by colleges across the U.S. and around the world.

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“AP Seminar **meets you where you are** and builds upon what you already know. Because I got experience in research-based writing and the process that informs it, I was able to avoid bumps that my classmates encountered (who did not take the course). **I don't think I would've done as well in my junior and senior year classes and my college classes.**”



Jayden  
AP Seminar Alum

“AP Seminar was much **more student-led**. Many classes were spent working within teams as well as collaborating with others. Several classes were spent on soft skills such as presentation and communication, which I've **found to be very helpful in my everyday life.**”



Mia  
AP Seminar Alum

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