

# AP Capstone Program

AP Capstone is a two-year program including two different AP courses: **AP Seminar** and **AP Research**. These two classes are required as part of several other criteria if you are interested in earning an **AP diploma** (similar to an IB diploma). These two courses help you develop academic skills you can use in all of your other classes both here and in college. Those skills, according to College Board, are:

- **Critical Thinking** – view issues from multiple perspectives and create arguments based on evidence.
- **Collaboration** – work alone, in a group, and with expert advisers to communicate your ideas.
- **Conducting Research** – complete research projects on topics of your own choosing.
- **Public Speaking** – present and defend your work as a group and individually.

Learn more from College Board [HERE](#).

## AP Seminar

- **May be taken instead of English 10** or as an elective.
- Choose your own topic of study
- [READ MORE HERE.](#)

## AP Research

- Must have passed AP Seminar first.
- Taken as an elective
- Choose your own topic of study
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# AP Seminar

## In this course you will...

- Investigate real-world topics from many different perspectives.
- Learn how to read college-level texts such as research studies and philosophical essays.
- Experience artistic works and performances.
- Work collaboratively with a small team and also on your own to learn everything you can about a topic of your choice, propose solutions or resolutions, and present your arguments for your solutions.

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## What are the AP Assessments for this class?

**Performance Task 1**  
**20%**

Team project & presentation on topic of your choice.

**Performance Task 2**  
**35%**

Individual essay & presentation on topic of your choice.

**AP Exam**  
**45%**

4 prompts which you will know ahead of time on sources you have not read before.



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# AP Research

## In this course you will...

- Explore advanced research skills in a subject of your choice.
- Perform an individual research project which uses several different research modalities.
- Work independently with support from faculty members at FCHS and experts in the community.
- Provide peer support for students in the AP Seminar course.

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### AP Research Performance Task

Students will write an academic research paper of 4,000-5,000 words which is worth 75% of the AP Research score.

Students will create a 15-20 minute multimedia presentation to share their findings with an audience. They will then answer questions from trained evaluators. This is worth 25% of the AP Research score.



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