



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The AP program offers high school students the equivalent of first year university study in a variety of areas. Individual courses go into great depth and thoroughly prepare students to take the external AP examination administered by the College Board of the United States. The exams are taken to earn either advanced standing or university credit in the USA, Canada, and many other countries. The program is highly regarded throughout North America, and is the most common form of advanced study offered by high schools in the United States. Students applying to competitive schools in the US, Canada, or Australia should consider either IB or AP to be a necessary component in preparing for admission.

While AP coursework is demanding, it is beneficial to students, even those who do not perform well on the external exam. A recent US study found that students who take AP courses but do not earn a passing mark on the external AP exams still do better in college than their classmates who did not take AP courses.

The Advanced Placement program is designed to give students freedom in choosing courses that maximize their potential in selected subjects. At RIS students may take up to six AP courses, three in Grade 11 and three in Grade 12, although a total of four or five exams would be a demanding program for most students.

The AP Program offers students an intensive academic experience as well as the flexibility and freedom to focus on their strengths. In addition, the AP International Diploma is available as an option for students applying to universities outside the United States.

To find out more about the AP Program, visit the College Board website.

RIS offers the following AP courses:

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- English Language and Composition
- English Language and Literature
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Physics 1, 2 and C
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Environmental Science
- Computer Science Principles (New for 2018)
- Human Geography
- Music Theory
- Chinese Language and Culture

