

## Advanced Placement Course Expectations

## Yorktown High School

2021-2022

Enrolling in an Advanced Placement (AP) course involves learning course content on a college level. AP courses have higher expectations in terms of understanding vocabulary, studying concepts, completing assignments, and reading course material. It is important for students to take into account the expectations for each course as listed below when choosing courses for the next school year. Students should also consider other courses in which they are enrolling and their extracurricular activities. \*Reminder: *Advanced Placement coursework is exempt from APS homework guidelines of 30 minutes outside of class per class, so that students can access the full curriculum of the college level courses.*

<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE</b>	<b>Pages of reading PER CLASS daily or weekly</b>	<b>Hours of study/ assignments outside of class period PER CLASS daily or weekly</b>	<b>Tests, essays, papers PER QUARTER</b>	<b>Major Projects Other Requirements</b>
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b>				
<b>AP Computer Science</b>	10 pages of technical information	1 hour daily (7 days a week)	8 tests	Labs; Case Study
<b>AP Computer Science Principles</b>	2-3 pages daily reading and writing response	1-1.5 hours daily (more if the work isn't completed in class as assigned)	Daily assignments and lab work 6-8 quizzes and/or tests	2 AP Performance Tasks – 1 research and 1 coding 4 Practice Performance Tasks
<b>ENGLISH</b>				
<b>AP English Language and Composition (11<sup>th</sup>)</b>	25-50 pages	1 hour daily (5 days a week)	8-10 assignments, essays, quizzes, and tests modeled on AP format	Research techniques, formal research paper; seminar discussions, formal presentations
<b>AP English Literature and Composition (12<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Up to 50 pages (depending on genre)	1-1.5 hours daily depending on subject matter/ reading	8-10 assignments, essays, quizzes, and tests modeled on AP format	Research techniques, formal research paper; seminar discussions, formal presentations
<b>FINE ARTS</b>				
<b>AP Music Theory</b>	Varies	30 minutes – 1 hour per evening depending on subject/concept (Nightly Homework generally 30-45 minutes plus 10-15 minutes of ear training per night. Compositions will take additional time, but students usually have a week or more to complete compositions)	9 units of study (each with a unit test). 1-2 short compositions per unit. Tests include ear training, sight singing and dictation	Large final composition Project including a written analysis
<b>AP Art History</b>	10-20 pages	30 minutes – 1 hour  Readings/2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – practice essay questions weekly	Chapter tests, 1 group presentation each semester (most work done during class), class participation, some small quizzes	1 museum visit per quarter; 3 field trips per year; enrichment project 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter
<b>AP Art &amp; Design Drawing 2D Design</b>	3 completed projects per half quarter; works should be done in class and at	6 completed projects per quarter; works should be done in class and at home with supporting sketchbook process work and maintaining a digital portfolio	6 completed projects per quarter; with supporting sketchbook process work and maintaining a digital	AP exam requires 15 – 20 pieces of artwork submitted in May; 15 in digital slide form

	home with supporting sketchbook process work	of work; 3-6 additional hrs outside of class time	portfolio of work; reading and research assignments	and 5 actual pieces; plus written artist statement
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<b>AP Art &amp; Design Photo 2D Design</b>	Daily editing and photographic image creation  Research various photographer and photographic techniques  Photoshop tutorials	Varies daily, 10 edited photographic theme related images per week  Weekly Photography Challenges  Entry into all Photography Contests as presented by the teacher	Quarter portfolio  <b>100 portfolio ready individual images pertaining to your chosen theme.</b>  Of this 100, 10 images will be printed and 5 of these will need to be matted and ready for display	AP exam requires 30-40 photographs to choose from when compiling AP portfolio. <b>A solo photographic exhibition of at least 15 matted and framed works at an agreed upon location.</b> The show must remain up for a minimum of two weeks An artist statement must accompany the show
<b>AP Art &amp; Design Ceramics 3D Design</b>	Complete 2 simultaneous projects every four weeks	Before and after school hours will be necessary because work will be confined to the studio, 1-3 hours per week Lunchtime and Patriot Period are a great solution	Considerable amount of planning will be done at home in forms of packets, sketchbooks, and research, 1 hour per week	10 works created during the senior AP year, the remainder of the portfolio is drawn from Ceramics 2 and 3 work 15-20 works is the required submission, all in digital image form
<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>				
<b>AP French Language and Culture</b>	Variable, depends on topic	30-45 minutes, more on rare occasions/ reading, answering culture, grammar, and vocabulary questions about given texts, preparing for bi-weekly presentations, and doing research on given topics	3-4 tests; 1-2 essays; 2-3 oral presentations	Listening to or watching French newscasts, podcasts, or movies at least 1 hour per week required to improve proficiency
<b>AP Latin</b>	20 - 30 lines translated per night	30 - 60 minutes nightly	1 - 2 tests per quarter; 1 essay per month	National Latin Exam in March
<b>AP Spanish Language and Culture</b>	Variable, depends on topic	30-45 minutes, depending on background	3-4 essays/papers; 2 tests; variable	Original writings based on topics studied; projects vary according to topic, theme
<b>AP Spanish Literature and Culture</b>	5 pages daily	30-45 minutes, depending on background	3-4 essays/papers; 2 tests; variable	Original writings based on topics studied; projects vary according to topic; theme
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>				
<b>AP Statistics</b>	5-15 pages	30 minutes – 1.5 hour, depending on topic	3-4 quizzes; 2-3 tests; 2-3 sets of AP questions	Unit projects involving application of real-life statistics
<b>AP Calculus AB</b>	3-5 pages	45 minutes - 1.5 hours	3-5 quizzes; 2 tests	Driving Lab; Volume Project

<b>AP Calculus BC</b>	4-6 pages	45 minutes – 1 hour	Usually 3 tests and 3 quizzes a quarter with daily homework	Driving Lab
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<b>SCIENCE</b>				
Note: All AP Science courses meet for 90 minutes each day and require an independent science project. These courses receive 2 credits towards graduation.				
<b>AP Biology</b>	5-10 pages	45 minutes – 1 hour	Weekly quizzes; 2-3 major exams; 2-3 essays; labs	Science Project
<b>AP Chemistry</b>	5-10 pages	30 minutes – 1 hour	Approximately 4 tests, 4-5 quizzes, 5-7 labs	Science Project or Research Paper
<b>AP Environmental Science</b>	about 30 pages per week	30 minutes - 1 hour/ day	2-3 tests; 3-5 essays; 5-10 lab or field investigations	Science Project
<b>AP Physics I</b>	Limited required reading; text and online videos may be used to enhance/strengthen material introduced in class	30 minutes/day	2-3 quizzes; 1-2 tests per quarter. This includes a partner cumulative quiz each month	Science project (completed after the AP exam)
<b>AP Physics II</b>	Limited required reading; text and online videos may be used to enhance/strengthen material introduced in class	30 minutes/day	2-3 quizzes; 1-2 tests per quarter. This includes a partner cumulative quiz each month	Science project (completed after the AP exam)
<b>AP Physics C</b>	Limited	45– 75 minutes	3-4 quizzes; 2 cumulative tests per quarter	Science Project (completed after the AP exam) Note: Students must be enrolled in or have completed calculus
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>				

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<b>AP European History</b>	One chapter (roughly 35 pages)	30 minutes daily for assignments/review  Questions related to readings, maps, timelines. Writing thesis/summaries	1-3 tests/quizzes, 2-4 writing assignments/ brief essays	Project after the AP exam
<b>AP Psychology</b>	7-15 pages of reading a night (Equivalent to 3-5 reading modules in text per week)	30-45 minutes per day; more just before a test	4-5 multiple choice tests; 4-5 essays	Emphasis is on test preparation; end of year, after AP exam culminating project
<b>AP US Government (full year course)</b>	One chapter every 1-2 weeks and occasional supplemental readings	2-3 hours of study/review per week; Following current events in the news	2-4 tests and quizzes; 2-3 writing assignments	2-4 projects/ seminars per quarter
<b>AP US History</b>	One chapter per week	1-2 hours of study/review (per day) Terms/questions to answer for each chapter	2-3 tests; weekly quizzes	2-3 projects/papers per quarter
<b>AP World History</b>	One chapter per week	2-3 hours of weekly study/review	1-3 tests and quizzes; 2-3 writing assignments (	Final project after the AP exam Quarterly group or individual projects Supplemental reading & preparation for seminars/debates
<b>AP Micro and Macro Economics</b> (2 semester courses taught during one class period over the course of the school year; student will take 2 AP Exams at the end of the year)	Minimal outside reading but class will cover 4-5 chapters every 2-3 weeks	30 minutes-1.5 hours of study/review Practice problems, terms for each chapter, questions to answer from the textbook	1-3 tests; 2-4 quizzes; 1-2 projects	1-3 seminars/debates per quarter with readings and preparation involved Practice problems, terms for each chapter, questions to answer from the textbook
<b>AP Human Geography</b>	One chapter per week (with chapter reading guides) plus occasional supplemental readings/case studies	1-4 hours per week Students usually have several days or more to complete an assignment outside of class	2-unit tests; 4 geography quizzes and 1-3 graded writing assignments.	1 major group assignment, 1 major individual assignment, and 1 seminar per quarter; Final project after AP exam