

Dr. E. P. Scarlett High School's

# Advanced Placement Information Session

## Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. About AP
3. Q & A



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# What is Advanced Placement?



## What is Advanced Placement?

- “The Advanced Placement Program® (AP) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school”  
- CollegeBoard



## What is Advanced Placement?

- Cohorted classes from grade 10 through grade 12 enrich the breadth and depth of the regular curricula and prepare students to write an Advanced Placement exam
  - The exam is written in May after the full sequence of the course (grade 12 or 11)
- AP exams are international, standardized exams, which can earn students advanced credit or standing at many universities/colleges



## A.P. versus I.B.

- Both are great programs
  - International recognition (AP is American, IB is International)
  - Post-secondary credits
  - Parallel in terms of academic rigour & excitement
- Differences:
  - IB requires a minimum of 2 classes in the program
    - AP is flexible (1 or more)
  - IB has additional requirements (Theory of Knowledge, community service, essay, etc.)



## About AP

For more information, check out

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org>



# Why take Advanced Placement?





## Why take Advanced Placement?

- Because you **love** a subject!
  - Pick the classes you love most and have a **personal** interest in
- Because you want to learn more about that subject and develop related skills
- Because you want to be in classes with like-minded peers with an “atmosphere of enthusiasm”



## Why take Advanced Placement?

- Because you are a hard-working and motivated student who is looking for more academic rigour, engagement, and excitement
- Because you are interested in earning university level credits while in high school! (Save yourself time and \$\$)



## Why take Advanced Placement?

- Because you are interested in preparing for post-secondary
  - Skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, curiosity...
- Because you are interested in becoming a more confident, independent student
  - Skills such as study habits, time management, work ethic...



# Advanced Placement at Scarlett



## A.P. at Scarlett

- ❑ Large & long-running program
  - ❑ 20% of our students take at least one AP class
  - ❑ Experienced teachers in well-developed programs
  - ❑ New programs being added
- ❑ Cohorted classes allow for more direct instruction and an enriched classroom environment



## A.P. at Scarlett

- Scarlett kids do well! We exceed international and provincial averages on all AP exams.
- Last year...
  - ▣ Scarlett students wrote 320 AP exams in 20 subjects.
  - ▣ 94% earned a score of 3 out of 5 or higher
  - ▣ Students earned scholar awards from The College Board:
    - 13 students achieved the AP Scholar Award
    - 15 AP Scholars with Honors
    - 13 AP Scholars with Distinction



## A.P. at Scarlett

- AP is a community!
  - Student-centred
  - Build relationships
  - Experienced and collaborative teachers
  - Flexible programming
  - Caring and compassionate environment



# Advanced Placement Courses @ Scarlett



# A.P. Exams at Scarlett

## COHORTED CLASSES

Alberta Course		AP Exam
English Language Arts		AP English Literature & Composition
Social Studies		AP European History
Science 10	Biology	AP Biology
	Physics	AP Physics 1 (grade 11) & 2 (grade 12)
	Chemistry	AP Chemistry
Mathematics		AP Calculus AB
Spanish 9Y		AP Spanish Language & Culture <b>NEW</b>



# A.P. Exams at Scarlett

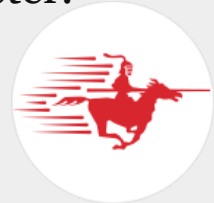
## NON-COHORTED/OPTION CLASSES

Course	AP Exam
Environmental Studies	AP Environmental Science (depending on enrollment)
French Language Arts	AP French Language & Culture
Computing Science	Computer Science Principles OR/AND Computer Science A
Art	AP 2-D Art & Design AP 3-D Art & Design AP Drawing



## The AP Exam

- First 2 weeks of May
- Cost of approx. \$160 per exam
- AP exam is typically written at the grade 12 level of a course
  - *Except: Physics 20*
  - Biology 20/30/35 if offered as full-year classes and can be in grade 11 or 12
  - Chemistry 20/30 is not a full-year course. It is taken in grade 11 second semester & grade 12 first semester.
- Scoring a 4 or a 5 on the exam can earn post-secondary credits
  - *Policies do vary, however.*



# Sample Course Schedule

**NOTE: This example is for FULL AP, which is NOT required or expected**

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 10AP	English 20AP	English 30AP
Social Studies 10AP	Social Studies 20AP	Social Studies 30AP
Math 10AP	Math 20AP	Math 30AP
Science 10AP	Biology 20/30/35 AP	Math 31AP
Phys Ed 10	Biology 20/30/35 AP	Option
Option	Chemistry 20 AP	Chemistry 30/35 AP
Option	Physics 20AP	Physics 30AP
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# Sample Course Schedule

## FRENCH IMMERSION

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
French Language Arts 10	French Language Arts 20	French Language Arts 30
English 10AP	English 20AP	English 30AP
French Social Studies 10	Social Studies 20AP (in English)	French Social Studies 30
French Math 10	French Math 20	French Math 30
Science 10AP	Biology 20/30/25 AP	Math 31AP (in English)
Phys Ed 10	Biology 20/30/25 AP	Option
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# Mythbusting



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- *Myth: “AP is too hard”*
  - Yes, AP is a challenge and involves academic rigour and work, but students are supported and given a reasonable pace and resources.
- *Myth: “AP teachers are scary”*
  - The AP teachers at Scarlett are experienced, kind, supportive, passionate and creative teachers



# Mythbusting

- ❑ *Myth: Students get worse grades in AP classes*
  - ❑ Students are graded using Alberta standards & assessments
    - ▣ Students write the SAME assessments and final exams as the regular classes
  - ❑ They are NOT marks-penalized
    - ▣ In the instance where an assessment is done on AP content, the mark is used as a bonus or replacement opportunity
  - ❑ The classroom environment and enrichment often means students do *better* because they have AP enrichment





# Mythbusting

- *Myth: AP is risky*
  - Students are not marks-penalized, so there is no academic risk to try
  - Students benefit in many ways from their experiences in AP classes
  - Students can change streams for the following year (i.e. move into or out of AP)



# Sign me up!



# Registering for AP

## Expression of Interest form

Expression of Interest for Advanced Placement  
– Fill out form

*Complete by March 15!*

Expression of Interest for Ad  
vanced Placement



# Questions?

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