

WHAT ARE PRE AP COURSES?

Previously known as the enriched program, the **Pre AP** at SCSS provides a set of academic skills, strategies and content that will prepare students for the senior **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses. **PRE-AP COURSES** provide academic challenge, foster independent learning and introduce students to assessments similar to those that they will encounter in AP courses and ultimately at university. Pre-advanced placement courses are based on Ministry guidelines and are designed to enhance the curriculum standards.

WHO SHOULD TAKE PRE AP COURSES?

A student considering enrichment should:

- demonstrate a potential for academic excellence in the subject area
- be an enthusiastic, self-directed and independent learner
- enjoy being challenged
- demonstrate an intellectual curiosity over a broad range of interests
- communicate effectively using the terminology of the subject



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Will my marks be lower if I take enriched classes?

The average in an enriched class tends to be higher than in an academic class. If you are suitably placed in an enriched class, then your mark should not be lower.

2. How will my enriched class be different from the regular academic course?

Students are able to extend the course curriculum and explore areas of personal interest. A key characteristic of an enriched class is the opportunity to dialogue with students of similar interests and abilities. Study tends to be faster paced and a broad base of prior knowledge is assumed.

3. Do AP courses appear on my transcript for university?

The site below outlines what Canadian universities will be looking for:

http://www.ap.ca/pages/04_AP_policies.htm

General information about AP may be found at:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

4. Should I expect to have a lot more homework if I take enriched classes?

There should not be more homework, but you are expected to work more independently.

"Enrichment programs let you work with people with similar interests who think outside the box...You can go deeper into topics that you are interested in."

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The Pre AP and AP Program



ACCEPTANCE INTO PRE-AP COURSES

In grade 9, acceptance into enriched courses is based on the recommendation of the elementary school teachers and/or the principal. Teachers are asked to complete a student profile to support the request for admission into enriched classes.

In grades 10 and 11, students are accepted into the program based on teacher recommendation and prior success.

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

Students in enriched classes often write the same exam as students in the regular academic program. They may, however, have alternate questions that reflect the emphasis of the enriched class.



PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AVAILABLE

Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11	
English	ENG1DE	English	ENG2DE	English	ENG3DE
Geography	CGG1DE	History	CHC1DE	History	CHH2DE
Science	SNC1DE	Science	SNC2DE		
Math	MPW1DE	Math	MPW2DE		



AP COURSES AVAILABLE

CHY 4UAP European History
 ENG 4UAP English
 SBI 4UAP Biology
 AVI 4MAP Visual Arts

THE AP PROGRAM

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is administered by the College Board in the United States. An AP course offers students the opportunity to experience a first year university level course while still in high school. AP helps you develop study habits, improve your writing skills, sharpen your problem solving abilities and deepen your understanding in content areas.

At Stratford Central, AP is delivered in three stages:

- Students complete their 4UAP credit during semester one.
- AP students and teachers meet throughout semester two to prepare for the AP exam.
- Students write the AP exam at SCSS in May of semester two.

BENEFITS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- Studies in the US found that students taking AP courses in high school were **more** likely to graduate from university.
- At some universities, strong performance on AP exams may allow students to move into upper level courses sooner. Some universities **award** university credits for strong AP exam results.
- Taking an AP exam will put you a **step ahead** of other first year students who have never faced the rigours of a university exam before.

"[Enriched classes] provided me with unique opportunities to widen my knowledge and learning experiences."