



Expand into Arts, Culture, and Society

Broaden the way students experience the world.



Electives can do more than broaden the schedule. They can also bring the opportunity for college credit into the subjects where many students already find meaning and momentum. AP® courses in arts, culture, and society help your school make electives a stronger part of its advanced coursework offerings.

Students are more likely to engage in advanced coursework when it's relevant and supports their interests. These AP courses give students the chance to pursue college-level work—and the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—in subjects that connect to creativity, exploration and real-world questions.

They develop skills in analysis, interpretation, communication, and creative expression—skills students will use across disciplines and that support college and career readiness. Because each AP course stands on its own, schools can start with one and add others over time. When these courses are available, more students may see a way into AP.

What These Courses Enable

- **Alignment:** Stronger connection between your AP offerings and your school's engagement goals
- **Availability:** More students access AP through subjects that reflect their interests
- **Program Balance:** A broader AP program that includes elective courses
- **Growth:** A practical way to expand opportunities for students to earn college credit before they graduate



Courses

AP 2-D Art and Design
AP 3-D Art and Design
AP African American Studies
AP Art History
AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP Drawing
AP European History
AP Latin
AP Music Theory
AP Psychology
AP Research
AP Spanish Literature and Culture

Why These Courses Work

Course	What students learn	How it broadens the way students see and experience the world
AP 2-D Art and Design	How to create original visual work — through photography, graphic design, painting, and digital art — while developing a personal artistic voice	Builds visual communication skills through sustained portfolio investigation
AP 3-D Art and Design	How to design and build original 3-D works — in sculpture, spatial design, and mixed materials — while developing a personal artistic process	Expands spatial thinking and creative problem-solving through hands-on exploration of form, space, and materials
AP African American Studies	How to explore the history, culture, creativity, and global impact of Black experiences across time and disciplines	Deepens understanding of history, culture, and creativity through interdisciplinary inquiry and primary source analysis
AP Art History	How to analyze and interpret art from around the world across cultures and time periods	Builds visual literacy and cultural understanding through diverse works
AP Comparative Government and Politics	How different political systems function and address global issues	Expands global awareness and civic understanding beyond U.S.-focused coursework
AP Drawing	How to develop an artistic voice through drawing, mark-making, and creative investigation using line, surface, light, shade, and composition	Sharpens observation, interpretation, and expressive capacity through portfolio-based creative investigation
AP European History	How revolutions, ideas, conflicts, and cultural change shaped Europe and the modern world	Strengthens historical reasoning and contextual analysis across cultures
AP Latin	How to translate and analyze Latin poetry and prose in historical and cultural context	Builds close reading and analytical precision through language and literature
AP Music Theory	How music is structured, analyzed, and created	Develops technical and creative skills through both performance and analysis
AP Psychology	How people think, feel, learn, and behave — and what the science of behavior and mental processes reveals about why	Reveals the science behind human behavior in ways that connect to everyday life while building research and data analysis skills
AP Research	How to design and carry out independent research — from developing a question through evidence analysis, academic writing, and oral defense	Builds intellectual independence by guiding students through the full arc of scholarly inquiry — from question to evidence to written argument and defense
AP Spanish Literature and Culture	How to analyze literary works from across the Spanish-speaking world	Deepens language proficiency while connecting literature to cultural context

How These Courses Can Work in Your School

- **Extend what you offer:** Add an AP course to an existing course progression in social studies or the arts.
- **Replace, not rebuild:** Swap an existing course with its AP equivalent—using the staff, schedule, and structures you already have.

How Your Teachers Get Started

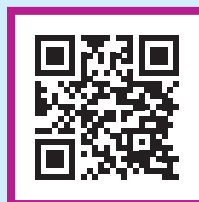
- 1**
Review the Course and Exam Description.
- 2**
Schedule a free 1:1 Zoom Chat to talk through course content and skills.
- 3**
Initiate the AP Course Audit.
- 4**
Request a grant to attend professional learning.
- 5**
Register for an AP Summer Institute.

Take the Next Step



Learn More

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