



Make Honors Count with AP

Give students the opportunity to stand out in college admissions.



Turning strong honors courses into AP® can make existing rigor more visible in the college admissions process. AP gives colleges a clearer, nationally recognized signal of advanced academic work and shows that a student has taken on college-level coursework and wants the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both.

Instead of adding new AP courses to a full schedule, replace existing honors sections with AP using your current staff and master schedule. Because AP is stronger and easier for colleges to interpret than honors alone, making honors count with AP enhances your honors program and gives more students the opportunity to stand out in college admissions. The result is simple: your school can give advanced academic work more value and visibility while supporting students as they pursue strong college options.

What These Courses Enable

- **Alignment:** Stronger connection between your AP offerings and your school's goals
- **Easy Implementation:** Opportunity to use existing courses, staff, and schedules
- **Availability:** Chance for more students to strengthen the academic record they present to colleges
- **Growth:** Focused way to grow AP by adding the courses right for your school



Courses

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
AP Precalculus
AP United States Government and Politics
AP United States History

Why These Courses Work

Course	Easy swap for:	College course equivalent
AP Biology	Biology 11H Biology 12H	Two-semester college introductory biology course for biology majors
AP Calculus AB	Calculus 11H Calculus 12H	First-semester college calculus course
AP English Language and Composition	English 11H English 12H	Introductory college rhetoric and writing course
AP English Literature and Composition	English 11H English 12H	Introductory college-level literature and writing course
AP Macroeconomics	Macroeconomics 11H Macroeconomics 12H	One-semester introductory college course in economics
AP Microeconomics	Microeconomics 11H Microeconomics 12H	One-semester introductory college course in economics
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Physics 11H Physics 12H	First course in an introductory college sequence in algebra-based physics
AP Precalculus	Precalculus 11H Precalculus 12H	First-semester college precalculus course
AP U.S. Government and Politics	U.S. Government 11H U.S. Government 12H	Introductory college course in U.S. government and politics
AP U.S. History	U.S. History 11H U.S. History 12H	Two-semester introductory college course in U.S. history

How These Courses Can Work in Your School

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

Explore this approach and learn more about this set of AP courses at:
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