



Saint Mary
C.S.S.



CollegeBoard

Advanced Placement
Program

ADVANCED PLACEMENT at ST. MARY C.S.S.

WHAT IS THE AP PROGRAM?

- Grade 9-12 enrichment courses
- Aim of courses: prepare students to successfully write standardized exams for first year university course credit
- To earn university credit students must achieve 3 or better out of 5 on exam
- Overseen by the College Board, an internationally recognized U.S. non-profit membership association

AP COURSES

- Subjects studied in greater depth and detail than regular courses
- Demanding and fast-paced course load
- Higher teacher expectations for student critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, and writing skills

AP EXAMS

- ❑ Administered globally on specific dates in May
- ❑ 3 hours in length
- ❑ Exams consist of multiple-choice and free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response)
- ❑ Fee is approximately \$100, with support for students in financial need
- ❑ Marked externally by College Board

AP STUDENT PROFILE

- ❑ High academic achievement (Level 4 or 80%+) in broad array of subjects
- ❑ Independent and self-directed learner
- ❑ Processes information quickly
- ❑ Intellectually curious
- ❑ Strong intrapersonal skills

BENEFITS OF AP

- ❑ Possibility to earn university credit
- ❑ Excellent preparation for the academic challenges of university
- ❑ Improves critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- ❑ Develops strong study and work habits
- ❑ Students acquire responsibility for own learning

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF AP

- May assist during university admissions process and scholarships
- Financial savings at university due to reduced course load
- Interaction with like-minded peer group
- Exposure to interesting subjects and materials

BENEFITS TO ST. MARY C.S.S.

- ❑ Offers challenges to gifted students
- ❑ Sets high standards for academic achievement
- ❑ Promotes teacher moderation and professional development opportunities
- ❑ Introduces partnerships amongst schools/teachers to start and sustain AP programs

ST. MARY C.S.S. AP COURSES

Program	Grades
English	9, 10 & 12
Mathematics	9-11

AP English – Literature / Language

The Grade 12 Advanced Placement English Literature and Language Composition courses engages enthusiastic students in the careful reading and critical analysis of literature and non-fiction, respectively. Through the close reading of selected texts, students deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students consider a work through the lens of literary and rhetorical analysis.

Literature Stream

- Pre-AP Grade 9 and 10 (offered 2015/2016)
- Aim of Stream:
 - Intensively study representative works from various genres and periods, concentrating on works of recognized literary merit.
 - Thoughtfully discuss and write about these books in the company of one's fellow students.

Language & Composition Stream

- Grade 12 AP Language & Composition
- Aim of Stream:
 - Gain an appreciation of non-fiction through rhetorical, logical and argumentative analysis.
 - Synthesize ideas and elements from various texts to communicate a student's opinion by applying rhetorical, logical and argumentative skills learned throughout the course.