

AP[®] SEMINAR'S IMPACT

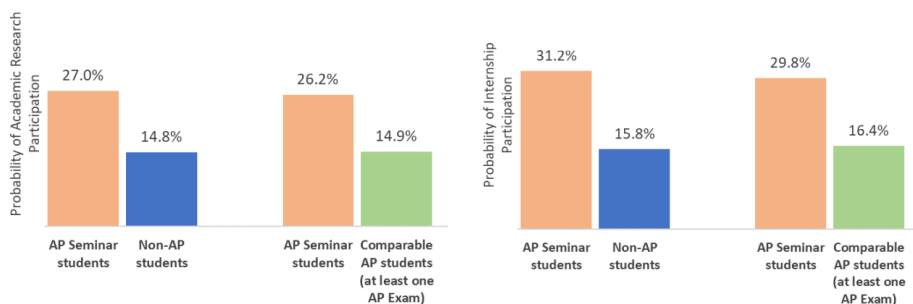
How does AP Seminar's skills-focused curriculum benefit students in high school and beyond?



In 2014, the Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma program was launched to offer high school students an opportunity to learn interdisciplinary critical thinking and collaboration skills and to complete academic research. AP Seminar and AP Research are different from other AP courses because students in the AP Capstone program are encouraged to ask and investigate their own questions. The Big Ideas in AP Seminar's QUEST cultivate, reiterate, and refine students' ability to Question and Explore, Understand and Analyze, Evaluate, Synthesize, and Team, Transform, and Transmit.

For schools interested in integrating AP Seminar into their English curriculum, College Board offers ELA-focused APSI options. Based on grade level exam results and data that shows the positive impact of AP Seminar on the number of AP courses a student takes and the exam scores they earn, College Board encourages placement of AP Seminar in the sophomore year, but most students at any grade level can benefit from access to AP Seminar.

Anecdotally, teachers and students report that the skills students practice and master in AP Seminar transcend the class as well as high school. Recent research confirms and expands on those observations.



According to research by Jagesic et al., students who took AP Seminar in high school were more likely than their peers to engage in academic research or an internship in college.

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- The AP Seminar Curriculum Framework rekindles the curiosity of youth and fortifies it with transferable skills with which students can engage in deeper learning about problems and issues of interest to them.
- The College Board supports and the Kentucky Department of Education recognizes AP Seminar as English 10.
- More than any other AP course, AP Seminar positively influences the number of AP courses students take and qualifying scores they earn.
- AP Seminar students are more likely than their peers to pursue advanced educational opportunities in college.



Our mission is to work with local, state, and national partners to dramatically expand student access to and success in rigorous coursework, particularly among student populations traditionally underrepresented in these courses, enabling students to pursue advanced college and career opportunities. To help achieve this goal, AdvanceKentucky supports teaching and learning in Advanced Placement® math, science, computer science, English, and Capstone courses to allow students to earn college credit while still in high school and develop the skills they need to be successful after high school.

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