

A+ World Academy to Offer AP Capstone Diploma Program



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A+ World Academy is one of approximately 1,800 schools worldwide to implement the AP Capstone™ Diploma program—an innovative program that allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success, such as research, collaboration, and communication.

The program consists of two courses taken in sequence: AP® Seminar and AP Research. Students who score a 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing earn the AP Capstone Diploma™. This signifies outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills. Students who score a 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research (but not on four additional AP Exams) earn the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

A+ World Academy will start offering AP Seminar in the fall of 2019.

The AP Seminar and Research courses, and the accompanying research project align with A+ World Academy's signature "My Five to Global Leadership" program by integrating research with the application and practical learning. We are developing global leaders through global experiences and being able to deliver our program with the rigorous standards of the internationally recognized AP Capstone program has set our program to the next level.

In AP Seminar, typically taken in 10th or 11th grade, students choose and evaluate complex topics through multiple lenses; identify credibility and bias in sources; and develop arguments

in support of a recommendation. AP Seminar is a project-based learning course. Official AP Seminar assessments include research reports, written arguments, and presentations completed during the academic year.

In the subsequent AP Research course, students design, execute, present, and defend a yearlong research-based investigation on a topic of individual interest. They build on skills developed in the AP Seminar by learning how to understand research methodology; employ ethical research practices; and collect, analyze, and synthesize information to contribute to academic research. Like AP Seminar, AP Research is a project-based course. Each student's official AP Research score is based on their academic paper, presentation, and oral defense.

"We're proud to offer AP Capstone, which enables students and teachers to focus on topics of their choice in great depth," said Trevor Packer, senior vice president for AP and instruction at the College Board. He adds, "This provides terrific opportunities for students to develop the ability to write and present their work effectively, individually and in groups—the very skills college professors want their students to possess."

In partnership with the higher education community, the College Board developed AP Capstone so students can practice skills that serve them well in college and career. Colleges and universities have voiced their support for the program.

"We are excited more schools are offering the AP Capstone Diploma program," said Kedra Ishop, vice provost for enrollment management at the University of Michigan. "We believe the research, collaboration, and presentation skills taught in the two courses will be valuable to students throughout their academic and professional careers."

About A+ World Academy

A+ World Academy is the most unique boarding school in the world. We offer Advanced Placement courses in a fully accredited school that travels the world on the oldest fully-rigged sailing ship in the world. The 'Sørlandet', a 92-year-old Norwegian Tall Ship, has a long tradition of educational endeavors. A+ World Academy offers a challenging, rigorous, unique program that develops students into global citizens and leaders with grit, resilience, and perseverance. Our students are pushed to their limits in every aspect from intellectual, social, physical, and cultural while learning to be proactive problem solvers with practical experience and a global perspective. While creating strong academic achievement in our students, we engage them in an extensive experiential education program of rigorous maritime endeavor, close-knit communal living, study in foreign lands, and personal mentoring that cultivates their self-knowledge, resilience, problem-solving, and leadership far beyond that of the more traditional school setting.

About AP

The College Board's Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies—with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—while still in high school. Through AP courses in 38 subjects, each culminating in a rigorous exam, students learn to think critically, construct solid arguments, and see many sides of an issue—skills that prepare them for college and beyond. Taking AP courses demonstrates to college admission officers that students have sought the most rigorous curriculum available to them, and research indicates that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree than non-AP students. Each AP teacher's syllabus is evaluated and approved by faculty from some of the nation's leading colleges and universities, and AP Exams are developed and

scored by college faculty and experienced AP teachers. Most four-year colleges and universities in the United States grant credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam scores—more than 3,800 institutions worldwide annually receive AP scores.

In the last decade, AP participation and performance rates have nearly doubled. In May 2018, 2.8 million students representing more than 22,612 schools around the world, both public and nonpublic, took 5.1 million AP Exams.

About the College Board

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success—including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement® Program. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators, and schools. For further information, visit collegeboard.org



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