

# Level 3 vs. AP

## What's the difference?

Level 3	AP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Teachers tend to provide more direct instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Students are generally self-motivated.</li> <li>✓ The teacher's role is primarily as facilitator of learning.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Homework is assigned regularly and is collected for a grade.</li> <li>✓ Students complete homework generally in order to earn or maintain a grade in addition to reinforcing information covered in class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Homework is assigned, but not all may be collected or graded. Students may have fewer grades per quarter.</li> <li>✓ The purpose of homework is to reinforce classroom activities and to fill gaps in knowledge. Students are expected to complete this individually.</li> <li>✓ Students may be tested on information not specifically covered during class time, but was discussed in assigned readings.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The course may resemble traditional high school classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ An AP course may resemble what is seen in university classrooms.</li> <li>✓ Students are provided a college-level textbook and supplemental readings.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pennsylvania Standards are adhered to.</li> <li>✓ Expectations that go beyond these standards may vary depending on the instructor or course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Students are consistently held to standards of evaluation and achievement that go beyond what is expected from the Pennsylvania Standards.</li> <li>✓ These standards are consistently enforced as a way to prepare students for real-world demands and the demands of a collegiate setting.</li> </ul>

## Should I take an AP Course?

- ✓ In most colleges, one 3-credit course costs well over \$1500. The more AP courses you take in high school, the more money you may save on college tuition! Taking AP exams also looks good on a college acceptance letter or résumé.



## AP Exam Information

- ✓ All students enrolling **must** take the AP exam.
- ✓ Testing usually occurs in May.
- ✓ Testing fee is approximately \$90. Payment of fee is student responsibility. Some students may be eligible for a discount.

## How is the Exam Scored?

- ✓ You are given a score of 1-5. A 4 would be equivalent to an A- or B+; a 3 would be a B- or C+.
- ✓ You will want to check online to see what score the college you want to attend will accept because they all have different requirements.

## AP World History – 2 credits

- ✓ Replaces required 10<sup>th</sup> grade World Cultures Course with 1 credit applied as a humanities elective.

### Pre-requisite (must have both)

1. Successful completion of 20<sup>th</sup> Century American level 3 with at least a 92%
2. Recommendation of teacher

### AP Exam Structure

- ✓ 55 multiple-choice questions (55 minutes, 40 percent)
- ✓ Four short-answer questions (50 minutes, 20 percent)
- ✓ One document-based question (55 minutes, 25 percent)
- ✓ One long essay question (35 minutes, 15 percent)

## AP US Government and Politics – 1 credit

- ✓ Replaces required 11<sup>th</sup> grade American Government/Civics Course

### Pre-requisite (must have both)

1. Successful completion of World Cultures level 3 with at least a 92% OR successful completion of AP World History with at least a 90%.
2. Recommendation of teacher.

### AP Exam Structure

- ✓ Total of 2 hours and 25 minutes divided into 2 sections
  - Section 1: Multiple Choice
    - 60 questions, 45 minutes, 50% of score
  - Section 2: Free Response
    - 4 questions, 100 minutes, 50% of score

## AP Micro and Macroeconomics – 2 credits

- ✓ Replaces required 12<sup>th</sup> grade Global Economics course with 1 credit applied as a humanities elective.

### Pre-requisite (must have both)

1. Successful completion of American Government/Civics Level 3 with at least a 92% OR successful completion of AP US Government and Politics with at least a 90%
2. Recommendation of a teacher

### AP Exam Structure – Macroeconomics

- ✓ Total of 2 hours and 10 minutes divided into 2 sections
  - Section 1: Multiple Choice
    - 60 questions, 70 minutes, 66% of score
  - Section 2: Free Response
    - 3 questions, 60 minutes, 33% of score
      - 1 long free response, 2 short free response

### AP Exam Structure – Microeconomics

- ✓ Same format as Macroeconomics