

QUESTIONS ABOUT A SPECIFIC COURSE?

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PPAS AP COURSE OFFERINGS

2021-2022

*Please note significant changes
due to COVID-19 pandemic.*



AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION

Instructor: Dr. Vincent Lankewish

AP English Language requires students to become skilled readers of prose written in a variety of rhetorical contexts and skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes, but especially as scholars contributing to academic discourse.

Criteria for Applicants:

- **Completion of 10th- & 11th-grade Humanities.**
- **>90% 11th-grade Humanities.**
- **Teacher recommendation.**
- **40-minute timed writing sample to be completed under my supervision prior to initiation of scheduling.**

AP U.S. HISTORY

Instructor: Mr. Sam Telequen

AP U.S. History asks students to investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students use and hone the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians.

Criteria for Applicants:

- **Completion of 9th- and 10th-grade Humanities.**
- **> 90% 10th-grade in Humanities.**
- **Teacher recommendation.**
- **Multiple-choice diagnostic.**

AP PSYCHOLOGY - New for 2021!

Instructor: Ms. Jaffe

AP Psychology takes students on a rigorous tour through the field, exploring topics that include neuroscience, sensation, statistics, child development, social psychology, types of therapists, clinical treatments, personality, learning and memory. Students who take this course will be able to gain a firm foundation for further study in college.

Criteria for Applicants:

- **Submitted diagnostic form**
 - **Priority given to rising seniors***
 - **Teacher Approval**
 - **Priority given to students who have *not* taken Psychology in the past***
 - **Minimum 83% overall GPA* (80 or above in core subjects for two full years)**
- *Other criteria may override in some cases**

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION

Instructor: Mrs. Ashley Kurasz

“Literary theory” is a term that encapsulates the ideas and approaches we use when reading and analyzing literature. In this course, you’ll learn how to examine literature through multiple lenses and communicate your understanding of texts in a way that is focused, supported, and engaging.

Criteria for Applicants:

- **Completion of 9th-and 10th-grade Humanities.**
- **Prose and poetry assignments posted to Google Classroom.**
- **Priority given to rising seniors.**

AP CHEMISTRY

Instructor: Mr. Justin Golino

AP Chemistry provides students with a foundation to support future advanced course work in chemistry. Students cultivate their understanding of chemistry through inquiry-based investigations, as they explore topics such as atomic structure, intermolecular forces and bonding, chemical reactions, kinetics, thermodynamics, and equilibrium.

Criteria for Applicants:

- **Completed Living Environment and Chemistry.**
- **Complete diagnostic survey.**
- **Teacher approval.**
- **Priority given to (rising) juniors.**

AP BIOLOGY

Instructor: Mr. Michael Gatton

The revised AP Biology course shifts from a traditional “content coverage” model of instruction to one that focuses on enduring, conceptual understandings and the content that supports them. This approach will enable students to spend less time on factual recall and more time on inquiry-based learning of essential concepts.

Criteria for Applicants:

- **Completed Living Environment.**
- **Completed Regents Chemistry.**
- **Regents Earth Science recommended.**
- **Complete a diagnostic survey.**
- **Priority given to (rising) seniors.**
- **Priority given to students who have taken AP Chemistry.**

AP CALCULUS

Instructor: Mr. Carl Sievert

Building enduring mathematical understanding requires students to grasp the “why” and “how” of mathematics in addition to mastering the necessary Procedures and skills. To foster this deep level of learning, AP Calculus is designed to develop mathematical knowledge conceptually to accurately solve diverse types of problems.

Criteria for Applicants:

- **90 in Pre-calculus or permission of the instructor.**