

AP Seminar

Part I of College Board's AP Capstone Program

What is AP Seminar?

- AP Seminar is an interdisciplinary course that encourages students to demonstrate critical thinking, collaboration, and academic research skills on topics of the student's choosing.
- In AP Seminar, you'll develop and practice the skills in research, collaboration, and communication that you'll need in any academic discipline. You'll investigate topics in a variety of subject areas, write research-based essays, and design and give presentations both individually and as part of a team.
- Skills You'll Learn
 - Reading and analyzing articles, studies, and other texts
 - Gathering and combining information from sources
 - Viewing an issue from multiple perspectives
 - Crafting arguments based on evidence
 - Presenting arguments in a professional manner

Why should I take AP Seminar?

- What current AP Seminar students are saying:
 - *“AP Seminar is an extremely beneficial class to take to work on important skills for college and careers like presentations and writing convincing arguments. While some other classes touch on these skills, they are central to this course and students are able to focus more specifically on what they need to improve.”*
 - *“Rising sophomores and juniors should sign up to take AP Seminar to gain valuable skills which will benefit them greatly in other high school courses and in the workplace later on - from working along with team-members, to learning how to deliver ideas through presentation, to becoming an advanced research analyzer and writer. Taking AP Seminar will greatly increase their self-efficacy as they learn more about their individual skills and watch themselves become increasingly comfortable with public speaking.”*
 - *“AP Seminar is unlike any other class in the school; it forces students to step out of their comfort zones by performing presentations and writing research papers. Anyone taking this course will definitely improve his/her communication skills, teamwork skills, and researching skills. Also, the class is just so much fun (especially with the teacher)!”*

How is AP Seminar unique?

- What current AP Seminar students are saying:
 - *“AP Seminar allows us to think outside of the box, especially when we are trying to come up with solutions, and it allows us to be creative in terms of what question we want to solve. This is very different compared to other classes where you are usually given a topic or question to research and you can only do that.”*
 - *“AP Seminar is unique from all of my other classes in that it does not have a steady/daily homework load, and follows a more flexible curriculum - I can choose a topic of my preference for research (as long as it falls under the theme umbrella) and can work on my research papers anytime outside of school, as long as it is completed before the due date. Also, class includes dinner parties - fun days for discussion about a certain topic.”*
 - *“AP Seminar gives you a chance to look into what truly interests you based on what you would like to do. Unlike other classes, Seminar allows for you to express yourself and ideas with others who are curious about different subjects, not commonly discussed in the normal curriculum of various classes. It is definitely enjoyable and you can bond more with people who share similar interests and even people who don't in a comfortable environment for putting forth you own thoughts and ideas. In AP Seminar you yourself can become an expert in what gains your own interest.”*

What will I gain from taking this course?

- What current AP Seminar students are saying:
 - *“Firstly, I have gained time management skills that I did not have before when given a long period before a due date to complete an assignment. Due to the many writing assignments given, I am more confident when asked to put together a paper. Overall, AP seminar allows me to be more mindful when it comes to writing, creating ideas, and using oral skills.”*
 - *“Presentation skills are one of the most important skills I've gained this year. I feel so much more comfortable while presenting, not only for this class, but for any other class where we need to present things. I've also learned how to properly write research papers, manage my time well, find unbiased and reliable sources, and become a better and more formal writer.”*
 - *“I have gained the ability to properly gather information about a specific topic in order to find a solution and present it, specifically how to utilize good sources and analyze different perspectives to reach a conclusion.”*

Who should I contact if I have questions?

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- I'm happy to answer any questions you have! 😊