



## Enrollment Criteria for AC and AP Courses

Please be aware that once a student enrolls in an AC or AP class, he cannot drop that course.

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

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#### EXPECTATIONS

Advanced students are incisive thinkers and elegant writers. They are self-starters, eager to embrace challenge and quicker to engage inquiry. They delight in the hard work of close, slow reading and precise writing advanced courses demand. They are positive, prepared, and lively presences in class.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to advanced English courses, students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, no quarter GPA of less than 3.2 during the year of application, and no instance of academic dishonesty. Only students who meet these standards will be considered for advanced courses.

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The English Department admits students to advanced course in two ways, by grades and by committee.

#### BY GRADES

Students applying from regular sections must have earned course grades of A (not A-) for semester one and quarter three and an A (not A-) essay average.

Students applying from AC sections must have earned course grades of A- or better for semester one and quarter three and an A- or better essay average.

Students who meet these criteria will be admitted to advanced courses without the committee process.

#### BY COMMITTEE

Students applying from regular sections must have earned at least a B+ for semester one and quarter three, maintained a B+ average grade on essays, and received an enthusiastic teacher recommendation. These students should have distinguished themselves in their regular classes.

Students applying from AC sections must have earned at least a B for semester one and quarter three, maintained a B+ average grade on essays, and received a strong teacher recommendation.

Students with the minimum grades are admitted through a committee process. Department members rank students by course grades and essay grades, strength of teacher recommendations, PSAT/SAT reading and writing scores, and Arlin scores.

To gain admission to advanced courses, these students must receive committee approval.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

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### AP SPANISH LANGUAGE

The AP Spanish Language class has several components. Students must be willing to continue developing their present skills in all areas of the language. They must speak Spanish exclusively in class, and they must have a strong knowledge of grammatical concepts. The class is designed to finely tune existing grammatical knowledge, not to re-teach grammatical concepts.

Students who meet the following criteria will be admitted to AP Spanish Language

1. Students have earned an A for the first semester and third quarter in their current Spanish class.
  2. Students must be enrolled in Spanish 3 or higher level.
  3. Students must be recommended by their current Spanish teacher.
  4. Students must have a command of the Spanish language both orally and in writing.
  5. Students must have a personal curiosity about the language, especially Spanish-speaking students.
  6. Students must have strong motivation to deepen their knowledge of the Spanish language.
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### AP SPANISH LITERATURE

1. Students have earned a high B in an AP Spanish Language class or an A for all quarters in a 4th year Spanish class.
  2. Students must be recommended by their current Spanish teacher by having demonstrated an excellent grasp of grammatical concepts, willingness to read in Spanish and to write exclusively in Spanish, and participated in class discussions (in Spanish) daily.
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### AC SPANISH 2

1. Students have earned an A- or higher in Spanish 1.
  2. Students have earned a strong recommendation by the current Spanish teacher by having demonstrated a positive attitude, willingness to learn, and a strong personal interest in developing skills in the Spanish language at an advanced level.
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### AC SPANISH 3

1. Students have earned an A- or higher in Spanish 2 or a B or higher in AC Spanish 2 in the first semester and third quarter.
  2. Students have earned a strong recommendation from their current Spanish teacher.
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### AC FRENCH 4/5

Students must be recommended by their French teacher by having demonstrated a genuine interest in continuing to learn French, including speaking French during class, willingness to explore French culture through authentic materials such as newspapers, literature, music, and art, and a strong mastery of basic grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary and verb tenses.

AC GEOMETRY

Algebra 1 students must have earned an A for the first semester and a B or better for the third quarter in Algebra 1.

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AC ALGEBRA 2

1. Sophomore Geometry students must have earned an A for the first semester and third quarter in Geometry, and a B or better in both semesters of Algebra 1.
  2. Sophomores enrolled in AC Geometry must have earned a B or better for the first semester and the third quarter.
  3. Freshman Geometry students must have earned an A for the first semester and the third quarter in Geometry.
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AC INTRODUCTION TO ANALYSIS

1. Algebra 2 students must have earned an A for the first semester and a B or better in the third quarter.
  2. AC Algebra 2 students must have earned a B or better for the first semester and third quarter.
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CALCULUS

1. Juniors enrolled in Algebra 2 must have earned an A for the first semester and a B or better in the third quarter.
  2. Juniors enrolled in AC Algebra 2 must have earned a B or better for the first semester and third quarter.
  3. AC Introduction to Analysis and Pre-Calculus students automatically qualify for Calculus.
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AP CALCULUS AB

1. Juniors enrolled in Algebra 2 must have earned an A for the first quarter, first semester, and third quarter.
  2. Juniors enrolled in AC Algebra 2 must have earned a B or better for the first semester and third quarter.
  3. Pre-Calculus students must have earned a B or better for the first semester and third quarter.
  4. AC Introduction to Analysis students must have earned a C or better in every quarter.
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AP CALCULUS BC

1. Juniors enrolled in AC Algebra 2 must have earned an A for the first semester and third quarter.
  2. Pre-Calculus students must have earned at least one A in any given quarter and must have earned a B or better in every other quarter.
  3. AC Introduction to Analysis students must have earned a B or better in every quarter.
  4. Students enrolled in regular Algebra 2 do not qualify for this class.
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AP STATISTICS

1. Student must be a junior or senior.
2. Sophomores currently enrolled in Geometry must concurrently enroll in AC Algebra 2 and AP Statistics their junior year.
3. Students must have earned a B or better for every quarter in their current mathematics class.

AC CHEMISTRY

1. Students must have earned an A for the first semester and the third quarter in Biology 1.
  2. Students should be given at least a 4 on the effort scale.
  3. Students must be recommended by their current Science teachers.
  4. Students must satisfy the following mathematics requirements: (a) Students enrolled in Algebra 1 must have earned an A for the first semester and third quarter in Algebra 1; (b) Students enrolled in Geometry must have earned a B or better for the first semester and third quarter in Geometry.
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AP CHEMISTRY

**Chemistry 1 grades earned in summer school will not satisfy the requirements for this class.**

1. Students applying for AP Chemistry must satisfy the following grade criteria, depending on which Chemistry 1 class they are currently enrolled in or have completed:
    - (a) Students currently enrolled in Chemistry 1 must have earned an A for the first semester and the third quarter;
    - (b) Students who have already completed Chemistry 1 must have earned an A both semesters in Chemistry 1;
    - (c) Students currently enrolled in AC Chemistry 1 must have earned a B for the first semester and the third quarter;
    - (d) Students who have already completed AC Chemistry 1 must have earned a B or better both semesters in AC Chemistry 1.
  2. Juniors applying for AP Chemistry who are currently enrolled in an upper level Science class must satisfy the grade criteria for their Chemistry 1 class as stated in number 1 above AND satisfy the following grade criteria for their current upper level science class:
    - (a) Students currently enrolled in a regular upper level science class must have earned a B+ or better for the first semester and third quarter in their current science classes;
    - (b) Students currently enrolled in an AC/AP upper level science class must have earned a B- or better for the first semester and third quarter in their current science classes.
  3. Students should be given at least a 4 on the effort scale.
  4. Students must be recommended by his current Science teachers.
  5. Students must satisfy the following mathematics requirement:
    - (a) Students enrolled in Geometry or Algebra 2 must have earned an A for the first semester and third quarter in their current mathematics classes;
    - (b) Students enrolled in AC Geometry, AC Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, or AC Introduction to Analysis must have earned a B or better for the first semester and third quarter in their current mathematics classes.
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AP BIOLOGY

1. Students enrolled in Chemistry 1 must have earned an A for the first semester and the third quarter.
2. Students enrolled in AC Chemistry 1 must have earned a B or better for the first semester and the third quarter.
3. Juniors enrolled in a regular upper level Science class must have earned a B+ or better for the first semester and third quarter in their current science classes.
4. Juniors enrolled in AP upper level Science class must have earned a B- or better for the first semester and third quarter in their current science classes.
5. Students should be given at least a 4 on the effort scale.
6. Students must be recommended by their current Science teachers.

### AC PHYSICS

1. Students currently enrolled in Chemistry 1 must have earned an A for the first semester and the third quarter.
  2. Students currently enrolled in AC Chemistry 1 must have earned a B or better for the first semester and the third quarter.
  3. Students currently enrolled in a regular upper level science class must have earned a B+ or better for the first semester and the third quarter in their current Science class.
  4. Students currently enrolled in an AP upper level Science class must have earned a B- or better for the first semester and the third quarter of their current Science classes.
  5. Students should be given at least a 4 on the effort scale.
  6. Students must be recommended by their current Science teachers.
  7. Students applying for this class must satisfy the following mathematics requirement:
    - (a) Students enrolled in Algebra 2 must have earned an A for the first semester and the third quarter in their current mathematics classes;
    - (b) Students enrolled in AC Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, or AC Introduction to Analysis must have earned a B or better for the first semester and the third quarter in their current Science classes.
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### AP PHYSICS C (SENIORS 2012-2013 ONLY)

1. Students must have completed Physics 1 junior year with a grade of B or better for the first semester and the third quarter. A grade of B- will not admit students to this class.
  2. Students must be enrolled in AP Calculus.
  3. Students should earn a 4 or better on the effort scale.
  4. Students must be recommended by their current science teachers.
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### AP PHYSICS C (2013-2014 AND LATER SENIORS)

1. Must have completed Physics I as a junior with a grade of a A for 1st semester and 3rd quarter.  
Students who have completed AC physics must have earned at least a B or better 1st semester and 3rd quarter.  
Students in AC physics I with a grade of a B- will not be admitted to this class.
  2. Students must have completed AP Calculus AB or BC, or be concurrently enrolled in AP Calculus BC.
  3. Teacher recommendation must comment on semester grade and effect of the exam on that grade.
  4. Should must have earned a 4 or better on the effort scale.
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### ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PROBLEM SOLVING (SENIORS ONLY)

1. Students must have completed Physics 1 junior year with a grade of a C+ or better for the first semester and the third quarter. Students who have completed AC physics must have earned at least a C or better 1st semester and 3rd quarter. Students in AC physics I with a grade of a C- will not be admitted to this class.
2. Students should earn a 4 or better on the effort scale.
3. Students must be recommended by their current Science teachers.

## Science Effort Scale

0 Student doesn't do homework.

Student has many absences.

Student is a behavioral problem.

Student doesn't make up work in a timely manner.

Student is not prepared for lab and he is not prepared for class on a regular basis.

1 Student doesn't turn in assignments in a timely manner.

Student doesn't make up work in a timely manner.

Student will not put forth the effort to seek help.

Student is not prepared for the lab.

2 Student has missed some homework assignments.

Student will not seek help when needed.

Student has not been prepared for the majority of the labs.

Student is not prepared for class some of the time.

3 Student is prepared for class.

Student doesn't seek help when needed.

Student doesn't have knowledge of the lab procedures for many of the labs.

4 Student is prepared for class.

Student does seek help when needed.

Student is prepared for class.

Student does minimum preparation in lab.

Student's homework is done and class work is done.

5 Student is prepared for class and has read ahead in the chapter or done practice problems.

Student comes to class with questions prepared from the last lecture and that night's reading or assignment and seeks help when needed.

Student consistently is prepared for lab and has excellent lab technique.

Student plans ahead for school and personal absences by informing the teacher.

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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### AP AMERICAN HISTORY

1. Students must have earned an *A* in English 1 for the first semester and third quarter.
  2. Students must have earned an *A* in Geography for the first semester or third quarter.
  3. Students enrolled in Freshman Music Lab must have earned an *A* in English and in Theology for the first semester and the third quarter.
  4. Students must be recommended by the Social Studies Department.
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### AP U.S. GOVERNMENT

1. American History students must have earned an *A* for the first semester and third quarter.
  2. AP American History students must have earned a *B* or better for the first semester and third quarter.
  3. The student must be recommended by his current Social Studies teacher.
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### AP WORLD HISTORY

1. U.S. Government and Economics students must have earned an *A* for the first semester and third quarter.
2. AP U.S. Government and Economics students must have earned a *B* or better for the first semester and third quarter.
3. The student must be recommended by his current Social Studies teacher.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

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### AP COMPUTER SCIENCE

Option 1: For current juniors and sophomores

Students must have earned an A in one semester and a B or better in every semester of their computer science studies.

Option 2: Freshmen must meet ONE of these criteria

1. Students must have earned an A for the first semester and at least a B in the third quarter in Algebra I.
2. Students must have earned at least a B for the first semester and third quarter in Geometry or Algebra 2.

### AC DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS

Student must make an A during one quarter of AP Computer Science.