

## *Why Take AP Courses?*

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The College Board's AP (Advanced Placement) program is the world's largest enrichment program with more than 17,000 schools participating in the program and students writing over two million AP exams every year. The AP program is approximately ten times larger than the International Baccalaureate Program (IB).

AP courses help students develop both intellectual responsibility and analytical skills. Upon successful completion of an AP course with a mark of 4 or 5, students are eligible to receive university credit or advanced placement at over 4000 universities and colleges worldwide.

Research shows that AP students are more likely to graduate from university with a double major and are twice as likely to pursue a PhD or studies in medicine or law. Also, AP students are more likely to complete their bachelor's degree in four years, a situation which is becoming less common.

Students may choose to take one AP course or several, as the program is more flexible than the IB program. Students who are successful in three or more courses are granted an AP Scholar Award, which appears on their AP transcript. The University of Alberta has a specific scholarship for "National AP Scholars" (*i.e.* those who have completed 5 AP courses with marks of 4 or 5 on each exam).

The cost of an AP course at Tempo is only the cost of the exam. As an incentive, Tempo School will refund this money for students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on their exam.

## *AP Courses Offered at Tempo School*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP Biology (Mr. Gannon)</li> <li>- AP Calculus AB (Mr. Rusnell)</li> <li>- AP Chemistry (Ms. Slavova)</li> <li>- AP English Literature (Dr. Bohnet, Mr. Stevens)</li> <li>- AP European History (Mr. Heidebrecht)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP French Language (Mme. Barrau, M. Nashi)</li> <li>- AP Human Geography (Mr. Gannon)</li> <li>- AP Latin (Mr. Blankenship)</li> <li>- AP Physics B (Mr. Ertman)</li> <li>- AP Psychology (Dr. Wong, University of Alberta)</li> </ul> |
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These courses may not be offered every year. Please check with the instructor if you are interested in a specific course. For most courses, we advise students to begin their AP course(s) in grade eleven. Some courses can be finished in the same year (*e.g.* Calculus, French); others usually stretch over two grades (*e.g.* Physics, Psychology). Courses require both independent study and teacher-led time.

Tempo School will run AP courses without a minimum number (*e.g.* we have run a class with only 1 student).

GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
	<b>Biology</b>	
		<b>Calculus</b>
	<b>Chemistry</b>	
		<b>English Literature</b>
<b>European History (or grade 11 and 12)</b>		
	<b>French Language</b>	
	<b>Human Geography</b>	
<b>Latin (or grade 11)</b>		
	<b>Physics B</b>	
	<b>Psychology</b>	