

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES
GATEWAY TO ACCELERATED COLLEGE PLACEMENT**

The Advanced Placement Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between high schools and colleges and universities. The program provides motivated students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. Students who participate not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases they also earn college credit while they are still in high school. Over 90 percent of U.S. high schools participate in the AP Program.

Anchor Bay High School students have an excellent opportunity to gain more in-depth knowledge of a subject and earn college credit at the vast majority of Michigan universities and colleges. Specific information is available on the state website: www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid. Select the *Michigan Postsecondary Handbook* and select from the list of colleges.

ABHS offers an Advanced Placement program with classes in:

- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP United States History
- AP United States Government and Politics
- AP Spanish IV

AP courses are taught by dedicated and enthusiastic high school teachers who follow course guidelines developed and published by the College Board organization. Each spring students in these programs have the opportunity to take the Advanced Placement Exam in their area of study. Passing the test at a level 3, 4 or 5 can earn college credit, or at least permit students to waive introductory classes in that area. Parents can save money on tuition and materials while students can accelerate their advancement toward graduation. The following charts reflect the Anchor Bay AP courses related to the policies at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Michigan State University

AP Test Name	Score Required	Credit Awarded	Course Equivalent
English	4, 5	4 credits	WRA 150
Calculus AB	4, 5	3 credits	MTH 132
Chemistry	3	5 credits	CEM 141, 161
	4, 5	8 credits	CEM 151, 152, 161
U.S. History	3, 4, 5	8 credits	HST 202, 203
U.S. Government	4, 5	3 credits	PLS 100
Spanish	4	8 credits	SPN 201, 202

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

AP Test Name	Score Required	Credit Awarded	Course Equivalent
English	4, 5	3 credits	English Comp
Calculus AB	4, 5	2 credits	Math 120
Chemistry	3, 4, 5	5 credits	Chemistry 125, 126, 130
U.S. History	4, 5	4 credits	100 Level History
U.S. Government	3, 4, 5	4 credits	Political Science 111
Spanish	4, 5	3	Spanish 275

The AP tests in each subject cost about \$83. Students in AP classes receive a one point bump in their Grade Point Average (GPA) so an A grade receives 5 honor points instead of 4, a B grade receives 4 honor points instead of 3, etc. Success in AP classes and improved GPA can earn extra credit toward admission to some universities and honor colleges. This spring advanced placement teachers will advertise dates for the tests in their classes.

The honors classes, some of which are offered to freshmen, are excellent preparation for the AP classes. Students entering grades 11 or 12 are encouraged to review the AP course descriptions and speak to their teachers and counselors about taking them. Students wishing to take an AP class will be interviewed by teachers in their subject of interest with course grades, test scores and commitment to the rigorous curriculum criteria for admission.