

**Advanced Placement Course Offerings
Union County High School
2015-2016**

Grade Level	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	World Language
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10					
11	English Language		Chemistry Physics I	U.S. History	
12	English Literature	Statistics Calculus	Chemistry Physics I	U.S. History	Spanish 4

Advantages to Taking AP Courses

- Potential to earn college credit.
- To develop academic skills that will assist students in college.
- Helps to build a strong transcript.
- Potential to cut college costs.

FACT: Students taking AP classes are better prepared academically for college.

FACT: Students taking AP classes are more likely to perform significantly better over four years of college course work.

FACT: Students taking AP classes are twice as likely to do graduate level studies.

FACT: Students taking AP classes are more likely to make significant accomplishments in college.

- While there are many obvious benefits to taking an AP class, there are also many challenges. Listed below are characteristics of successful AP students; next to each characteristic are the general expectations for all AP courses.

Characteristics of Successful Students	AP Expectations
Self-Determination	AP students must be self-motivated to read, complete outside work, and prepare for each class.
Intellectually Curious	AP students should be analytical and engaged in their work; classes focus on higher-level thinking activities.
Strong Communication Skills	AP students should have good oral and written communication skills as many classes demand sophisticated essay writing and participation
Punctual and Present	AP students must have a stellar attendance record as AP classes move at a rapid pace.
Impeccable Behavior	AP students are mature; respect is always shown to teacher and fellow students.
Dedicated	AP students must be willing to put in the extra time, effort, and work.

Please see the individual course descriptions within each course's department. (For example, look at math course offerings to see the descriptions for Statistics and Calculus).

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

- **How are AP classes different from a regular class?**

AP classes move at a faster pace and often have more "outside demands" (i.e. reading, writing and projects).

- **Is there help available?**

Yes! There are many options for extra help. Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers to set appointments for extra help. Students can use their advisory period to receive extra help. Also, students are encouraged to attend Tutor U on Monday-Thursday from 3:30-4:30 in the library.

- **How can I get college credit?**

All UCHS students have the opportunity to take the National AP Exam in May. Students who score a 3 or higher can receive credit or exemption from introductory level college classes from Indiana state public universities.

- **Why is gaining college credit helpful?**

Students who enter college with AP credit have fewer classes to take. Some students can graduate early from college, saving time and money for graduate school or a career.

- **Is taking an AP class “worth it” if I don’t do well on the test?**

Yes! Even if you receive a lower test score, you are still gaining valuable skills that will help in college.