

Advanced Placement Programming
At
Westmount Charter School



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The Advanced Placement Program offers students flexibility and challenge while also providing credit for college and university programs around the world.

Advanced Placement is an internationally recognized program that is supported by 23,000 schools in more than 60 countries.

In Canada, there are more than 500 schools participating in Advanced Placement and the west is leading the way!

What is Advanced Placement?

Advanced Placement is a long standing program created by the College Board in the United States to allow for enrichment beyond the regular high school curriculum.

Students who successfully complete AP examinations can obtain credit for university courses at most institutions.

While the courses have been created in the United States, they have been designed with Canadian curriculum in mind and they have the flexibility to meet local requirements.

Advanced Placement allows students to experience university-level curriculum without sacrificing high school marks – If anything, the enrichment provides the students with a better opportunity to do better in traditional high school classes!

Why is AP a good choice for Westmount Students?

Students who work ahead or in great depth will thrive with the challenging curriculum in a specific area.

Students have the opportunity to explore subjects they are focused on in greater detail.

The teachers at Westmount are passionate about their subject area and work hard to provide a differentiated program.

What Courses are offered at the Westmount Charter School?

In the 2011-2012 school year WCS will be offering the four AP courses below:

WCS Course	AP Examination	Recognized by
English 30AP	Literature & Composition	UofC, UofL, UBC, UVic, SFU, more...
Math 31AP	Calculus AB	UofC, UofL, UofA, UBC, UVic, more...
Art 30AP	Studio Art	UofC, UofL, UofA, UBC, SFU, more...
Biology 30AP	Biology	UofC, UofL, UBC, UVic, SFU, more...
Social Studies 30AP	World History	UofC, UofL, UVic, SFU, more...

Advanced Placement vs International Baccalaureate – Which is better?

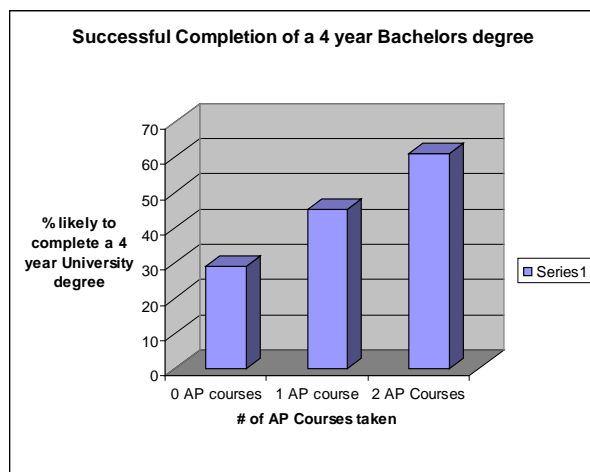
This depends on the student. Both programs provide an opportunity for enrichment and are accepted by major universities around the world.

Category	AP	IB
Does every course allow the potential for University Credit?	✓	X
Is there flexibility to take as few as one course or as many as the school offers?	✓	X
How many schools offer the program worldwide?	23,000	2,209
How many schools offer the program in Canada?	546	139

How does taking an AP course help at University?

By taking one or more AP courses, students become better prepared for the rigorous curriculum and exposes students to the knowledge and skills they will need before they get there!

Many University students need extra time to complete their degrees. Research has shown the increased likelihood of completing a Bachelor's degree within a four-year time frame, among students who have successfully completed AP courses:



Where can I use my AP Credit?

Students can use the credit they receive for successfully completing AP courses at institutions such as: UBC, McGill, U of T, U of A, U of Waterloo, U.Vic, U of C, Queens, and others! See www.ap.ca for more details.

How does the AP Program work at Westmount?

In 2011-2012, AP will be offered to High School students in five subject areas: Biology, Calculus, English Literature/Composition, Studio Art and World History.

Students may enroll in the AP route prior to grade 12 for the valuable enrichment and breadth of learning. When a student reaches grade 12 it is strongly encouraged that the student write the AP exam because, as statistics have shown, those students perform better at university.

AP exams are graded on a five point scale:

- 5 – Extremely well-qualified
- 4 – Well qualified
- 3 – Qualified
- 2 – Possibly qualified
- 1 – No recommendation

A student may enter the AP stream if he or she has achieved 80% or better in the prerequisite course work OR has a recommendation from a previous teacher.

The College Board charges students \$87US for each AP exam. This fee can translate into excellent savings as most university courses cost between \$650 and \$1000.

AP exams are written in May, and results are sent to the student's home and to Westmount Charter School in July.

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