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Advanced Placement Program

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**Don't just
get into
university;
excel at
university.”**

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What is Advanced Placement (AP)?

- International university-preparation program; recognized world-wide; administered since 1955
- Allows motivated high school students to take university-level courses and exams while still in high school
- Courses and exams are developed by committees of university professors and experienced AP teachers

Benefits of Advanced Placement

- Enriched learning experience in a class of like-minded students
- Academic challenge
- Acquire the confidence, study skills, writing skills and problem solving skills required for the rigors of university
- Improves transition experience in the first year of university
- More likely to complete university degree
- Possible university credit and/or advanced placement

A typical AP student

- Demonstrates intellectual curiosity over a broad range of interests, is energetic and involved in many aspects of school life
- Strives for academic excellence
- Has superior academic potential
- Demonstrates a willingness to commit considerable time to study outside of class

What is the Advanced Placement Course?

- High school students take enriched Ontario Ministry of Education Grade 12 courses; in most cases, the Ontario curriculum covers about 80% of the material
- AP courses are taught by high school teachers, who have had AP curriculum training
- A student's high school credit is based solely on the Ontario curriculum. AP content is not included in the high school course mark

What is the Advanced Placement Exam?

- AP exams are written in May at the student's home school (student fee required)
- Each AP exam is 50% multiple choice and 50% free response
- Exams are scored by a team of experienced AP teachers
- The score achieved on the exam may be used by a student to apply for university credit and/or placement in advanced courses at university. On a scale of 1 to 5, Ontario universities generally require a score of 4 or 5 for acceptance. Every university maintains its own policy regarding Advanced Placement. Be sure to review each of these policies as part of the university research process