




# AP Capstone

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What is it?  
Why should I take it?  
What will I need to do?



# WHAT: 2 Year Research Experience

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## Year 1: AP Seminar

### Student Responsibilities:

Teammate  
Independent writer

### Teacher Responsibilities:

Instruction (Research)  
Assessment (Presentation)

## Year 2: AP Research

### Student Responsibilities:

Independent Research

### Teacher Responsibilities:

Research Advisor  
Work in Progress Interviews  
Committee “Chair”

# Why should I take AP Capstone?



# Benefits to the Students

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Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the AP Capstone Diploma™. This signifies their outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

# Year 1 Assessment (Seminar)

## 3 Parts:

- Performance Task 1: Team Project & Presentation (20%)
  - Individual Research Report
  - Multimedia Presentation & Defense
- Performance Task 2: Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation (35%)
  - Individual Written Argument (70%)
  - Individual Multimedia Presentation (20%)
  - Oral Defense (10%)
- Task 3: End of Course Exam (45%)
  - 3 Short Answer + 1 Essay ([2015 Released Exam](#))

# Transitioning from Seminar to Research

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After completing the Seminar exam (May, Year 1), students should...

- Develop a list of topics they are interested in researching and begin to form a research question
- Identify expert advisors (STEM / Humanities)
- Possibly begin summer research and develop a plan on working with the advisor during summer vacation  
EX: Summer Internship at CCHS

# Year 2 Assessment (Research)

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- Individual Academic Paper (75%)
  - 4,000 - 5,000 words
  - Scored by the College Board
- Presentation and Oral Defense (25%)
  - 15-20 minutes
  - Three person panel
  - Teacher scored

Recommended Completion Date: April 15

# Helpful Links for Further Reading

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- [AP Capstone Overview](#)
  - [AP Seminar Course & Exam Description \(Year 1\)](#)
  - [AP Research Course & Exam Description \(Year 2\)](#)