

## Chowchilla Union High School Expectations for AP Courses

**In order to be successful in the AP program, students will need to budget their time taking into account the following:**

- ◆ These are college-level courses
- ◆ Study time varies by course and individual needs
- ◆ Different instructors have different expectations
- ◆ These courses will require more time and effort than non-AP classes
- ◆ Students need to factor in time needed for after school activities
- ◆ Summer assignment required and usually work over breaks (If summer homework is not complete, student will be dropped from the course)
- ◆ Student must have achieved at least a C (B strongly recommended) in a previous related honors class or a B (A strongly recommended) in a regular class
- ◆ Some classes have specific pre-requisites that *must* be met
- ◆ The drop deadline for AP courses is three weeks. After three weeks, these courses may not be dropped without formal consent from the teacher, student, parent, and administration.

Class	Pre-Requisites R- Required S- Suggested	Amount of reading/class work	Homework Hours	Tests/ essays/ papers per quarter	Major Projects or assignments per quarter
<b>English</b>					
AP English Language and Composition Ms. Kutzner	S- Honors English	College-level readings, textual annotation, outside research, essay writing, vocabulary development, peer review and collaboration, and online assignments	4 -5 hours per week	Timed multiple choice and essay exams, reading quizzes, multi-draft essays, and a researched argument	Summer reading assignment, Infomercials, 3-5 essays per quarter (argument, synthesis, and rhetorical analysis)
AP English Literature Mrs. Baker	S - AP Lang	AP approved novels, College Anthologies, Online Wiki	4 -5 hours per week	12 Units that include Timed Essays and Multiple Choice exams, chapter quizzes and multi-draft essays.	Summer assignment that includes 1 Nonfiction text, 1 Novel, and Wiki Posts. Literature Critiques at the end of each unit.
<b>Fine Arts</b>					
AP Art Studio Mrs. Spivey	R - Art 1, 2 S - Art 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● College texts and art journals: in Art History, Artist biography, and Art theory with related assignments</li> <li>● Oral presentations and class critiques</li> <li>● Online assignments</li> </ul>	5 hours per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multiple oral and written critiques of artwork</li> <li>● 5-10 essays on gallery shows, artists, techniques, and theory</li> <li>● Final paper: Self examination and retrospect</li> </ul>	Summer assignments that include sketchbook, 2 museum or gallery visits, and 4-6 projects.  Portfolio compilation of 12 thematic pieces, 12 breadth studies, and 5 quality projects. divided into 3.5 quarters

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<b>Foreign Languages</b>					
AP Spanish Language Mr. Benomar	R- Spanish 2 with A in both semesters and teacher recommendation	Text book, supplemental readings and audio recordings. Online blog sessions both on and off campus. Oral presentations weekly.	4 hours per week	6 Unit tests that include all sections of the AP test: Multiple choice (Texts, Audio recordings, and Graphs), Persuasive essay, Verbal cultural comparison (2minutes), verbal conversational assessment. Students also receive multiple sub tests throughout the semester.	Persuasive essays. Oral presentations between 2-5minutes on designated units. Cultural comparison research.
<b>Social Studies</b>					
AP U.S. Government Mrs. Crivelli	S- APUSH	College text, study guides, news sources	3 hours per week	Timed multiple choice and essay exams, chapter quizzes, current event analyses, and curriculum based small projects	Summer Assignment requires interpreting the constitution, current event analyses, and philosopher readings
AP Psychology Mrs. Ross	R-Psychology	College text (8-10 pages per day), online homework assignment for most readings, notes requires for each reading.	4 hours per week	14 Unit Exams, AP Fair Research Paper, Child Development Paper, Breaking a Norm Paper, Practice Exams (100 multiple choice and 2 Free Response Questions), multiple FRQ practice responses	Approximately 1-2 projects per quarter such as: brain project, outdoor chalk drawings, AP Fair Project, sensation experiments, child development project, etc.
AP U.S. History Mrs. Crivelli	S-AP Euro	College text (70-80 pages a week), supplementary readings and primary sources	5 hours per week	Multiple choice, timed short answer, timed document-based and free-response questions, cumulative charts, chapter questions, president charts, and questions to accompany other assigned readings.	Summer Assignment including chapters 1-4 in textbook, primary source reading, and map activities  Cumulative timeline (part 1 due before winter break, part 2 due before exam in May)
AP European History Mr. Storelli	S -Honors English	College text (30-40 pages per week) and Cornell notes required, video reviews, homework packet, important leader charts, SOAPST, one primary source document reviews, and supplementary readings and primary sources.	5 hours per week	Multiple choice, timed short answer, document-based and long essay questions, short essay questions. Cumulative exams and essays.	Summer Assignment include: Chapter 11 in textbook, map activities, test format web-quest, and summer reading book chapter journal. Approximately 1-2 projects per semester Examples: French Revolution Book/Poster Cumulative timeline (1st & 2nd semester)

<b>Math</b>					
AP Calculus (AB) Ms. Baragan	R- PreCalculus	2 Sections per week with around 40- 60 Homework problems per week	4 hours per week (Text, handouts, AP practice problems)	Chapter tests, practice AP multiple choice and free response problems	2nd semester final is a major project
AP Statistics Miss Chapman	R- Algebra II	One chapter (40-60 pages) every 2-3 weeks with reading guide questions	4 hours per week (reading, assignments, projects)	Chapter tests modeled after the AP test with multiple choice and free-response questions. Several released AP tests for practice.	1-3 projects per quarter requiring application of concepts learned in class
<b>Science</b>					
AP Biology Mrs. Sullivan	R-Biology/Chemistry and Algebra II orPrecalculus	1 to 2 chapters per week with study guides, additional worksheets, prelabs, lab readings, videos and online tutorials or animations or case studies. Formal lab reports on a regular basis.	5-8 hours per week	Chapter tests modeled after the AP test with multiple choice and free-response questions.	Summer assignments weekly labs/projects, case studies applications of concepts from readings and online learning with some lecture.
AP Chemistry Mrs. Seals	R-Biology/Chemistry and Algebra II orPrecalculus	1 to 2 chapters per week with study guides, additional worksheets, prelabs, lab readings, video's and online tutorials or animations or case studies. Formal lab reports on a regular basis.	5-8 hours per week	Chapter tests modeled after the AP test with multiple choice and free-response questions.	Summer assignment, weekly online tutorials, lab experiments, lectures, reports

**Advanced Placement Contract**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Course	Hours Homework per Week
Total:	Total Hours:

Student Agreement:

In signing up for this/these AP course(s), I agree to organize my time and effort to successfully complete all work in this rigorous course. I have read the course description, and I agree to the college preparatory and college level requirements and expectations of the class. I understand that I may need to seek additional help from my teacher outside of class.

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Student Signature

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Date

Parent or Guardian Agreement:

I understand the expectations of this/these AP course(s), and I agree to support and encourage my son/daughter in his/her endeavors in the course. I will notify the teacher of any concerns relating to the course or my student's progress. I understand that my son/daughter may need to seek additional help from the teacher outside of class. By signing below, I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in this/these rigorous course(s).

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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