

Bush School Courses and AP Exam Alignment

The list below is designed to help students determine whether or not classes they are taking at Bush may correspond to AP exams. It is important to remember that with innovative, faculty-developed courses, The Bush School does not follow the College Board's AP curriculum. Colleges understand and appreciate this, and students are in no way disadvantaged in the admissions process by not taking AP courses or exams. In addition, AP exams are never required for admission to any domestic college or university. Registration is through the Bush APTS Website from mid-September through November 2; the APTS site will be up and running by mid-September.

In our experience, the main reasons students might elect to sit for an AP exam are as follows: The student is applying to schools outside of the US that require standardized testing; The student hopes to earn AP credit (typically through a score of 4 or 5) which can be transferred to college - important to note, however, that the vast majority of selective colleges cap the number of credits a student can bring in with them; The student may receive advanced standing for things like course registration through AP credit (this is more typical at medium or large colleges and universities).

English:

- English Electives → AP English Language and AP English Literature

History:

- US History → AP US History

Math:

- Precalculus → AP Precalculus
- Calculus → AP Precalculus or AP Calculus AB*
- Advanced Calculus → AP Calculus AB or Calculus BC*
- Multivariable Calculus → AP Calculus BC
- Advanced Statistics → AP Statistics

Science/Technology:

- Advanced Biology → AP Biology
- Advanced Chemistry → AP Chemistry
- Computer Programming in Java → AP Computer Science A
- Environmental Science → AP Environmental Science
- Advanced Physics → AP Physics I: Algebra-based*

World Language:

- French IV and/or Advanced Studies → AP French Language
- Mandarin IV and/or V → AP Chinese Language
- Spanish IV and/or Advanced Studies → AP Spanish Language

**Consult with the class teacher during this curricular transition year.*

While the above courses most closely align with corresponding AP exams, the College Counseling and Student Success Team highly recommends consulting with faculty and advisors about specific course content and individual exam readiness before registering for any AP exams. Students who want to take AP exams, which, again, are never required for admission to any domestic college or university, may need to complete outside preparation to cover topics not included in Bush courses. Please contact [Alice Breternitz](#) with any questions. (Last updated: 8/8/26)