

# ACS International Schools Advanced Placement (AP) Results



Table 1. AP Examination Scores

Year	Number of Students	Number of Examinations	Average Number of Examinations per Student	Percentage 3 or better	Average Grade
2007-08	155	322	2.08	69%	3.22
2006-07	166	321	1.93	66%	3.18
2005-06	147	270	1.84	66%	3.14
2004-05	153	295	1.93	64%	2.93
2003-04	167	323	1.93	71%	3.26
2002-03	165	324	1.96	71%	3.14
2001-02	171	317	1.85	68%	3.15
2000-01	155	299	1.93	71%	3.15

Table 2.

Year	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honours	AP Scholar with Distinction
2008	25	9	14
2007	16	6	9
2006	15	1	12

Table 3. AP Scholars Awards

Award	Requirements
AP Scholar	Grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
AP Scholar with Honours	Grades of 3 or higher on four or more AP Exams; avg. exam grade of 3.25
AP Scholar with Distinction	Grades of 3 or higher on five or more AP Exams; avg. exam grade of 3.5

Each year the Advanced Placement officials confer awards to High School students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement on their AP Examinations. The criteria for Scholar Awards differ for each level of achievement.

## AP courses at ACS

### I Languages

- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- French Language and Composition
- German Language and Composition
- Spanish Language and Composition  
(Students may take AP foreign language exams at the discretion of the Academic Dean)

### II Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Physics B

### III Mathematics

- Calculus
- Calculus AB
- Statistics

### IV History & Social Sciences

- European History
- Human Geography
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Psychology
- US History
- Government and Politics: Comparative

### V Electives

- Studio Art  
(taught with IB Visual Arts)

The school reserves the right to add or delete courses according to student demand and staff availability.

# Advanced Placement courses

## The standard of excellence in

### North American education

Established over 40 years ago by the College Board, the academically challenging Advanced Placement (AP) courses are designed to expose able and motivated High School students to college-level academic material.

The AP functions as a cooperative educational endeavour between secondary schools, colleges and universities. Secondary schools lay the foundation for the AP by offering their students courses taught by dedicated and committed teachers. High School students who successfully complete these courses, in turn, demonstrate to colleges and universities that they have mastered the subject material by taking AP examinations. By assessing and evaluating the AP examination grades, colleges and universities award prospective students credit or placement (e.g. sophomore standing) for the subject.

The AP is considered the standard for academic excellence in the US, where more than 50% of secondary schools currently participate in the scheme. AP students demonstrate to universities and colleges that they have learned a subject in greater depth, are motivated to take challenging courses, and have acquired the type of study skills necessary for successful study in college. AP course completion can also lead to significant financial savings, since more than 1,400 US colleges and universities award up to a full year's credit to students presenting successful grades on AP exams.

## The AP at ACS

The AP has been a permanent part of ACS International School's broad and challenging academic programme since the early 1980s. For a current listing of AP courses offered at ACS Cobham please see the reverse side of this card.

## University recognition and college credit

The AP is fully recognised in the United States and Canada, where approximately 3,000 colleges and universities participate. The vast majority of universities that receive AP grades grant credit or advanced placement for successful examination results. Students can earn anywhere from one college credit hour to sophomore standing, depending on the number of AP exams they have taken and the grades earned on them. AP students who are applying to universities are advised to inquire directly at the university concerning its respective AP policy.

AP courses are important acceptance criteria for selective universities in North America who are looking for able, motivated students. By taking an AP course, students demonstrate to university admissions officers that they have developed the advanced study skills that are required in higher education.

The AP is increasingly recognised as a university entrance qualification in Europe and throughout the rest of the world. Students who have earned the Advanced Placement International Diploma, or achieved successful results on at least three AP exams, fulfil university qualification requirements for numerous selective universities in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

## AP Examination Grades, Scholar Awards, and Diplomas

The AP Examinations, developed each year by professional educational committees appointed by the College Board, are administered in May at ACS.

AP Examinations are designed to accurately test the material students have covered in their AP course. They are graded by experienced AP teachers and college professors on a scale of 1 (no recommendation) to 5 (extremely well qualified) and are a weighted combination of the student's score on the multiple-choice section and the free response or essay section. The results of the examinations are sent by the College Board to candidates, ACS, and any colleges or universities the student specifies.