



Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

English 10 AP Seminar
(LA 1605)

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The combined English 10 and AP Seminar curriculum, offered by the College Board, is an advanced, yearlong course that marries the two curriculums together, ensuring that all English 10 standards are covered. This course engages students in investigating real-world issues from multiple perspectives. Using an inquiry framework, students practice reading and analyzing a wide range of nonfiction and fiction texts, including articles, research studies, and philosophical works. They learn to synthesize information from diverse sources, develop their own lines of reasoning in research-based written essays, and design and deliver oral and visual presentations, both individually and as part of a team. This integrated course aims to empower students with the ability to analyze and evaluate information accurately, fostering the development of their own evidence-based arguments. Additionally, it serves as a required prerequisite for AP Research. Learn more about the English 10 AP Seminar course [here](#).

PREREQUISITE

Honors English 9

**Students must earn a 3 or higher in Seminar, Research and four other AP courses to earn the AP Capstone Diploma.*

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

AP Research

REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK

To be determined by course instructor

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The AP Capstone program aims to empower students by:

- engaging them with rigorous college-level curricula focused on the skills necessary for successful college completion
- extending their abilities to synthesize information from multiple perspectives and apply skills in new situations and cross-curricular contexts
- enabling them to collect and analyze information with accuracy and precision
- cultivating their abilities to craft, communicate and defend evidence-based arguments
- providing opportunities for them to practice disciplined and scholarly research skills while exploring relevant topics that appeal to their interests and curiosity.

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