



The Advanced Placement Program
“Passion, Energy and Quality Thinking”
at
St. Malachy’s Memorial High School
An AP Capstone Diploma School

What is AP?

Advanced Placement is really two things:

- a program of advanced studies intended to allow high school students to work at a university entrance level.
- an international program offering standardized exams that allow students, if successful on the exam, to obtain university credits.

The Advantages of AP include:

- the opportunity to participate in a challenging program of studies.
- placement with highly motivated students with common interests, both in terms of the subject and in their desire for excellence.
- the opportunity to write an exam that could provide a university credit and advanced standing.

We offer AP programs in:

Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Mathematics, European History, Physics

AP English Program

Grade 10 English 10AP (full year)
Grade 11 English 111 (full year)
Grade 12 English 121AP
AP English 120

AP French Program

Grade 9 FI Language Arts 9
Grade 10 FI Language Arts10
Grade 11 FI Language Arts110
Grade 12 FI Language Arts120
AP French 120

AP Capstone Certificate

Grade 10 AP Seminar
Grade 12 AP Research

AP History Program

Grade 10 Social Studies 10/FI Social Studies 10
Grade 11 Modern History 111/FI Modern History 111
AP European History 120

AP Math Program

Grade 10 Math 10AP
Foundations of Math 11
Grade 11Pre-Calculus 11
Pre-Calculus 12A/B
Grade 12 AP Calculus 120 (full year)

AP Art Program

Grade 9 Visual Art 9
Grade 10 Visual Art 10
Grade 11 Visual Art 110
Grade 12 Visual Art 120
AP Studio Art 120

AP Biology Program

Grade 10 Chemistry 111
Grade 11 Chemistry 121
Biology 111
Grade 12 Biology 121AP
AP Biology 120

AP Chemistry Program

Grade 10 Chemistry 111
Grade 11 Chemistry 121AP
AP Chemistry 120

AP Physics Program

Grade 11 Physics 111
Grade 12 Physics 121AP
AP Physics 120

Please note:

- 1) ***The AP track begins in Grade 10.***
- 2) ***AP exams are written in grades 11/12 in the month of May.***



AP Capstone Diploma Program

St. Malachy's Memorial High School is *one of only ten* Canadian high schools, and the *only school in Atlantic Canada*, who will be piloting the new AP Capstone Diploma during the 2014-2015 academic school year.

What is AP Capstone?

- AP Capstone is an innovative diploma program that provides students with an opportunity to engage in rigorous scholarly practice of the core academic skills necessary for successful university completion.
- AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two courses - **AP Seminar** and **AP Research**- and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study provided through AP courses.
- AP Capstone cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions.

The Advantages of AP Capstone include:

- Fosters the **critical and creative thinking, argumentation, and research skills** that are at the core of university readiness and essential for lifelong learning.
- Provides a setting to build on the knowledge and rigorous course work of AP in an **interdisciplinary** format.
- Offers students a unique opportunity to **distinguish** themselves to colleges and universities.

Option 1: **AP Capstone Diploma**

4 AP Subject Courses* (Grade 11 & 12)
AP Seminar* (Grade 10)
AP Research* (Grade 12)

AP Seminar - Course Description

Students will examine materials like news stories, research studies, and literary works to craft arguments to support a point of view and communicate them effectively through the use of various media. Students will consider an issue from multiple perspectives, evaluate the strength of an argument, and make logical, fact-based decisions. Students will be assessed through a combination of individual and team projects and presentations as well as through a written exam.

Option 2: **AP Capstone Certificate**

AP Seminar* (Grade 10)
AP Research* (Grade 12)

AP Research - Course Description

Students will work with a mentor in order to explore an academic topic, problem, or issue that interests them and design, plan, and conduct a year-long research-based investigation to address it. The course culminates in an academic thesis paper of approximately 5,000 words and a presentation, performance, or exhibition with an oral defense; where you answer 3-4 questions from a panel of trained evaluators.

***Students must attain an AP grade of 3 or higher to be eligible for the diploma/certificate.**