



# Earl of March Secondary School

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## Advanced Placement® at Earl of March

### What is Advanced Placement?



Advanced Placement is an international program administered by the College Board, the same organization that is in charge of SAT testing. **An Advanced Placement examination credit is an internationally-recognized first-year university credit.**

AP offers the unique opportunity for motivated students to tailor their academic choices to their interests and strengths. Advanced Placement courses allow students to explore more deeply **specifically in the subject areas that interest them**, without tying them to doing so in all subjects.

### Registering for Advanced Placement Courses

**Students do not need to apply or register for the AP program before choosing courses.**

Advanced Placement courses are taken in **Grade 11 or 12**, depending on the subject, which allows students to ‘find their feet’ in the junior grades before deciding what interests they might like to explore at a greater level of depth and challenge in the senior grades.

To take Advanced Placement courses, students **choose the AP version of the course** (final letter R or H) when entering their course selections.

AP Exam	Gr. 11 course	Gr. 12 course	Prerequisite
Biology	N/A	SBI4UR	<i>SBI3U</i>
Chemistry	N/A	SCH4UR	<i>SCH3U</i>
Physics 1	N/A	SPH4UR	<i>SPH3U</i>
Computer Science A	ICS3UR	N/A	<i>IDC2O recommended</i>
English Language & Composition	NBE3UR	N/A	<i>ENG2D</i>
English Literature & Composition	N/A	ENG4UR	<i>NBE 3U/R</i>
French Language & Culture	FIF3UH	N/A	<i>FIF2D</i>
US History	CHA3UR	N/A	<i>CHC2D/F</i>
European History	N/A	CHY4UR	<i>3M/U Social Science or English</i>
Calculus AB <i>We will also simultaneously host Calculus BC as an “exam-only” (independent) exam. Please note that “exam-only” registrations are in October.</i>	No EOM course – guided independent preparation <b>for AB only</b> . See Ms. Damjanschitz for details.		<i>MCR 3U (completed or currently enrolled)</i>

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How do Advanced Placement courses work at Earl of March?***

In Ontario, students follow the Ministry of Education curriculum. At Earl of March, we offer enriched versions of the Ontario curriculum courses to assist students in preparing for AP exams. At the completion of the course, students earn the Ontario course credit. To earn an AP first-year university credit, students may then choose to write a College Board AP examination, the results of which are *not* related to the student's Ontario course grade.

### ***Are AP courses “marked harder” than regular U-level courses?***

No. Course work and exams are assessed according to the Ontario Curriculum standards in each subject, and College Board AP exam results do not affect the student's Ontario course grade.

### ***Do I have to take the AP exam? What if I take the exam and I don't do well?***

Many students choose the AP stream for the rich classroom experience rather than strictly for the university credit. Students who take AP-stream courses are *not* obliged to take the College Board AP exam. In all courses, students must take the Earl of March course exam at the end of the term. Students may then choose to write the College Board AP exam in May to earn a university-equivalency credit. Furthermore, AP exam results are disclosed to universities *only* if the student chooses to send them.

### ***Do Canadian universities accept AP credits?***

Yes, and most will accept several credits towards a degree program. The number and type of credits varies by university and program. Most Canadian universities require an AP exam grade of 4 (out of a possible 5) to grant Advanced Standing for required and/or elective courses. For a specific university's policy, search “**advanced standing**” on its Admissions page. Also, the College Board offers the following search tools: [AP Credit Policy Search](#) and [Find Universities That Recognize AP - International | College Board](#).

### ***How well do Earl of March students do on AP exams?***

Exceptionally well! The AP College Board considers an exam successful if it receives a grade of 3 or higher out of a possible 5 levels. In the past five years, 92-98% of Earl of March students who took an AP exam received a grade of 3 or higher, compared to 79-80% in Ontario and 60-61% worldwide. Furthermore, many Earl students are awarded the prestigious designations of **AP Scholar**, **AP Scholar with Honor**, **AP Scholar with Distinction**, and **AP National Scholar**.

## Further Questions about Advanced Placement?

Please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of our [Earl of March AP website](#). You may also consult the [College Board AP website](#).