

AP RESEARCH

Requirement area: **Elective**

Course code: GAP400

Grade Level: 12

Prerequisite: AP Seminar. Must have also taken (or be concurrently enrolled in) 3 or more AP classes

Length: Year long (1.0 credit)

Homework: 3-4 hours per week

Description: AP Research allows students to deeply explore an academic topic, problem or issue of interest. Through this exploration, students design, plan and conduct a yearlong investigation to address a research question. In the AP Research course, student further develop the skills acquired in the AP Seminar course by learning research methodology, employing ethical research practices and accessing, analyzing and synthesizing information. Students reflect on their skill development, document their processes and curate the artifacts of their scholarly work through a process and reflection portfolio. In the classroom and independently (while possibly consulting with an expert adviser in the field), students learn and employ research and inquiry methods to develop, manage and conduct an in-depth investigation of an area of personal interest. The course culminates in an academic paper of 4,000 to 5,000 words (accompanied by a performance, exhibit, or product where applicable) and a presentation with an oral defense.