

AP SEMINAR

Requirement area: **Elective**

Course code: GAP300

Grade Level: 11

Prerequisite: Must have been enrolled (or be concurrently enrolled in) 2 or more AP classes

Length: Year long (1.0 credit)

Homework: 3-4 hours per week

Description: AP Seminar is a foundational course that engages students in cross-curricular conversations where they can explore the complexities of academic and real-world topics and issues by analyzing divergent perspectives. Using an inquiry framework students practice reading and analyzing articles, research studies and foundational, literary and philosophical texts; listening to and viewing speeches, broadcasts, personal accounts; and experiencing artistic works and performances. They synthesize information from multiple sources, develop their own perspectives in written essays and design and deliver oral and visual presentations, both individually and as a team. Ultimately the course aims to equip students with the power to analyze and evaluate information with accuracy and precision so they can craft and communicate evidence-based arguments. Exploring different points of view and making connections across disciplines are fundamental components of the AP Seminar experience. Students consider one topic or issue from multiple perspectives, many of which are divergent or competing. Analyzing topics through multiple lenses aids in interdisciplinary understanding and gives students a rich appreciation for the intricacy of important issues.