



Lakeshore Catholic High School



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 2025-26
INFORMATION



What is Advanced Placement?

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program offers University level course content at the Grade 12 level.

AP preparation courses in Grade 9 (and in future grades) begin to prepare students for potential AP courses and exams in Grade 12.

These courses will provide students with the opportunity to study topics in further depth and will allow students to develop and demonstrate critical thinking skills and enhanced study habits.

WHAT IS ADVANCED PLACEMENT?

AP allows motivated high school students to take university-level courses while still in high school

Taught by high school teachers

Advanced Placement Courses are fully integrated into Ontario Curriculum

The Goal of the program is that students write AP exams in May of Grade 12 year at Lakeshore Catholic

**Successful completion of an AP Examination
(level 4 or 5 mark on the exam)**

= transfer credit

AP courses are recognized:

- **by 90% of post secondary institutions in North America**
- **in over 600 universities in over 60 countries around the world.**

**WHAT IS
ADVANCED
PLACEMENT?
CONTINUED....**

Why should a student take AP?

**Extensions &
Challenges**

**Enhancement of
Individual
Strengths**

Active learners

**AP emphasizes
21st Century skills**

**An enhanced
learning
experience in a
class of like-
minded students**

Why should a student take AP? Continued.....

**A step ahead at
University -
exams
& projects**

**Advanced
placement
credit**

**International
Recognition**

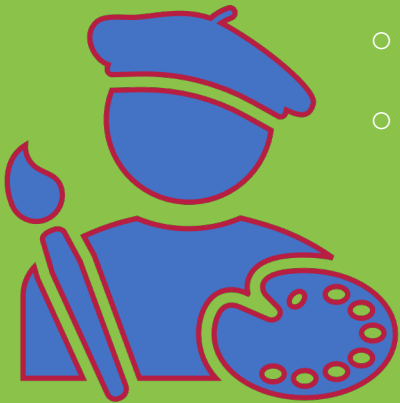
What type of student will be most successful in AP courses?

Students will be most successful in AP courses if they are highly motivated, responsible learners who enjoy both independent and collaborative problem solving. Students should be able to multitask and prioritize school work and Learning Skills along with academic achievement should indicate strength and proficiency in the subject area.

Characteristics of an AP student



- High academic achiever
- Intellectually curious / Ask questions
- Energetic and involved in school life
- A self-starter / independent learner
- Passionate about learning / an avid reader
- Committed to his/her ideals
- Sets short term and long-term goals
- Well-organized with good time management skills
- Willing to take risks
- Supportive network



Grade 9 AP Preparation Courses

Grade 9 AP Preparation courses began in the 2023 -2024 school year in the following subjects:

- English (ENL1WA)
- Geography (CGC1DA)
- Science (SNC1WA)
- Mathematics (MTH1WA)

*A new grade level has been added across these four disciplines *each* of the last two years, commencing in Grade 12 AP offerings effective September 2026-2027.*



What is AP-Prep?



- A clearly articulated sequence of courses that enhance student learning and are a direct pathway to AP courses (Gr. 9, 10 and 11 courses)
- AP-Prep teachers have been trained to help students acquire the skills, concepts and habits of mind necessary for success on AP Exams.
- Emphasis is on inquiry-based learning, problem-solving techniques, critical thinking and other learning strategies that students need for success in AP and beyond.

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

- Teachers of AP courses receive additional training
 - Students will be evaluated according to Ministry of Education and Niagara Catholic District School Board guidelines on appropriate grade level expectations
 - A student's final overall grade in an AP course will be multiplied by a factor of 1.05 to determine the grade that will be reported on the Report Card
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Looking Ahead to Grade 12

AP EXAMS AND SCORES

Grade 12 AP exams are written in May at a student's home school.

The exams are administered by the College Board.

A student's final mark is reported on a 5 point scale and submission of results to universities is up to the discretion of the student.

Most universities have an AP credit policy that states if a student scores a 4 or 5 on a 5 point scale, a University credit is granted in that subject area.

The cost to write a Grade 12 AP exam is \$140.

It is not mandatory for students to write Grade 12 AP exams.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit Policies at Ontario Universities

<https://universityadmissions.ca/ap-credit-policies/>

>Most schools have an AP credit policy that states both the maximum number of university credits a student may earn through AP testing as well as the minimum score required to earn a university credit (usually a 4 or a 5 out of 5).



SEARCH

Brock

Admissions @ Brock

Advanced placement courses may be used to determine admissibility and granting of transfer credit or exemption. If you have completed advanced placement courses as part of an appropriate secondary school credential, and submit an examination grade of 4 on individual results, you may be eligible to receive a maximum of 2.0 Brock credits. An official AP transcript is required for the evaluation process.

Email futurestudent@brocku.ca for information regarding course equivalencies.



Advanced Placement (A.P.): Applicants who have completed A.P. exams in acceptable courses with a minimum grade of 4 may be eligible for up to 18 units of advanced credit, at the discretion of the faculty.

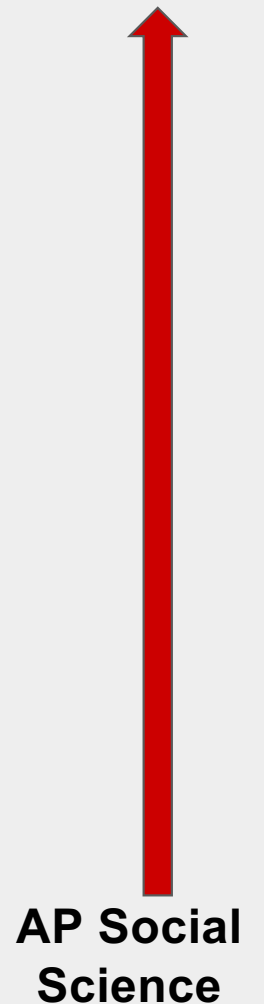
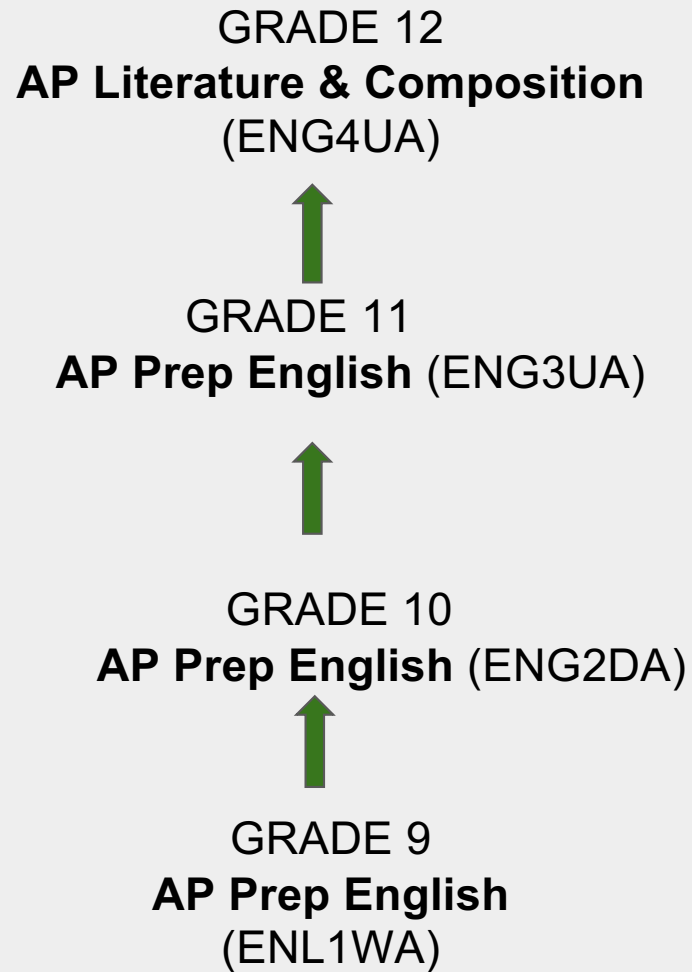


Effective for students starting at Waterloo in September 2023

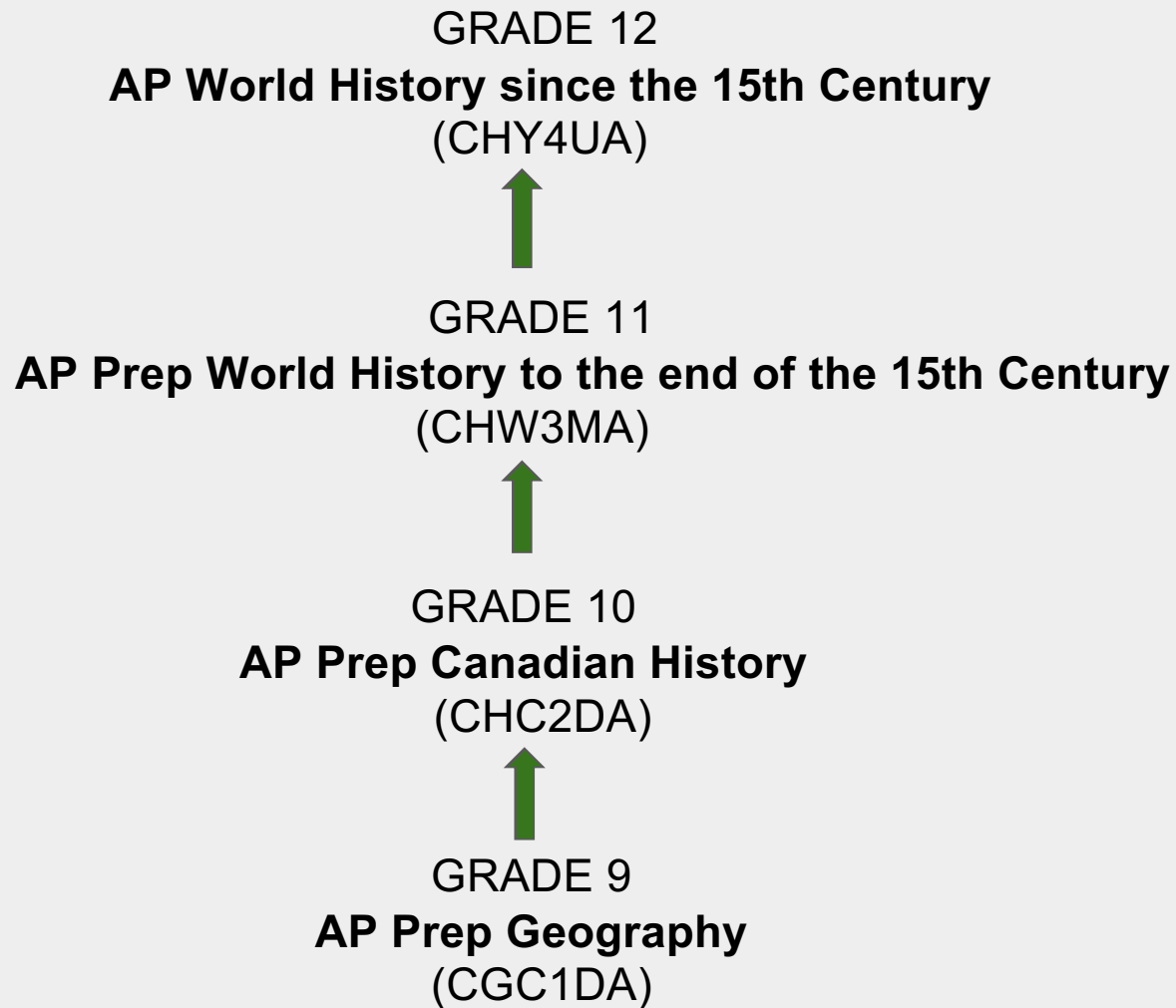
The University of Waterloo recognizes AP (Advanced Placement) examination results and will consider awarding transfer credits for AP courses in which normally a minimum final grade of 4 is attained.

Official final AP results must be sent from the College Board directly to the Admissions Office at Waterloo before transfer credit can be considered. Your final AP results must be received by the deadline as stated on your offer of admission.

English AP Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic High School



Canadian & World Studies AP Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic HS



Science Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic High School

GRADE 12
AP Chemistry
(SCH4UA)



GRADE 11
AP Prep Chemistry (SCH3UA)

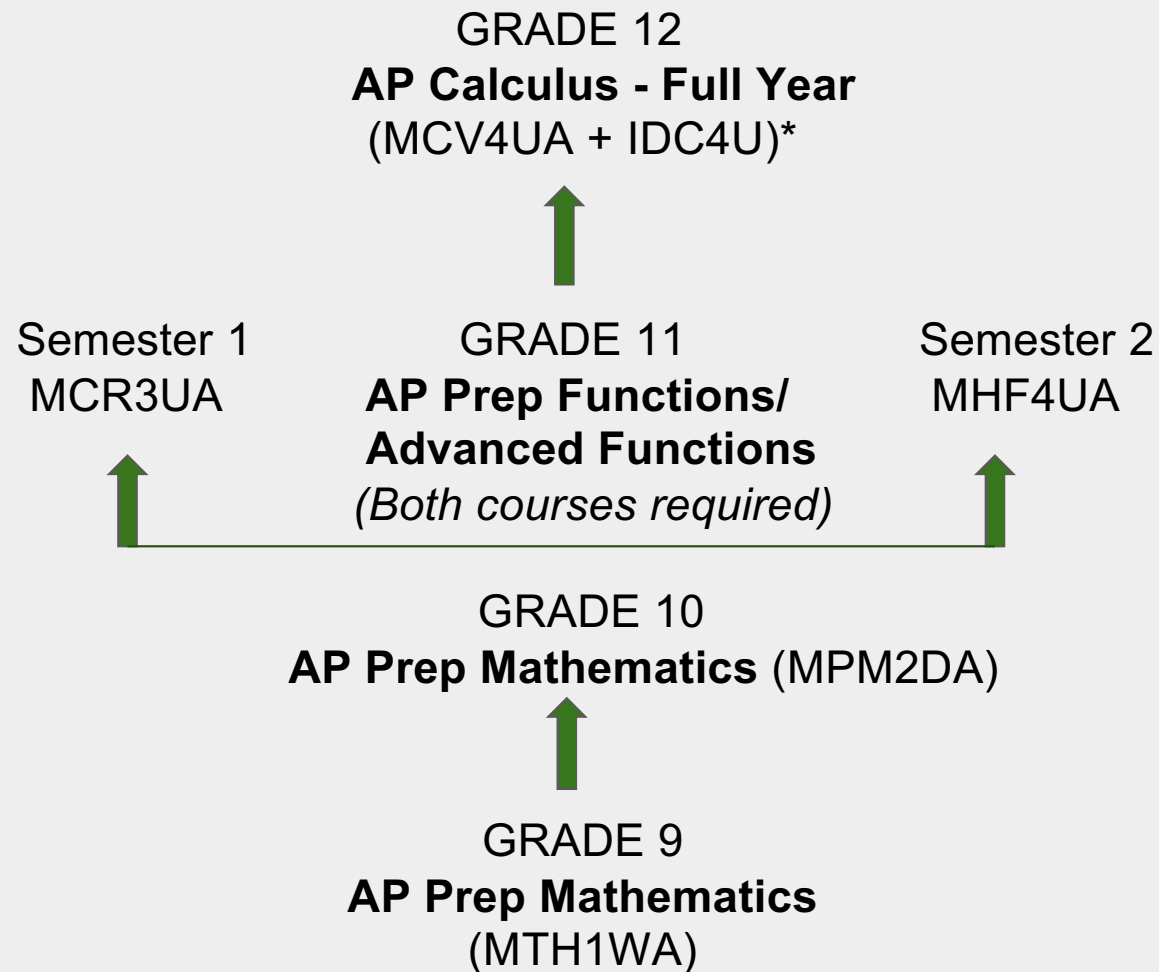


GRADE 10
AP Prep Science (SNC2DA)



GRADE 9
AP Prep Science
(SNC1WA)

Mathematics Pathways @ Lakeshore Catholic High School



The AP Prep Classroom at Lakeshore Catholic 2024-25



- Extension activities
- Collaborative learning
- Emphasis on application of learning (e.g., labs, creation pieces)
- Thought-provoking class discussions
- Increased focus on independent work
- Reach Ahead Activities
- Material and content covered in greater depth

LC Student Feedback – AP Prep Classes



direct student quotes here

- Enjoys fast pace of teacher instruction
- Enjoys group work, class discussions, and hands-on activities
- Nice to be surrounded by students who are passionate about the same subject matter
- Out-of-the-box thinking is inspirational
- APP classes are really good for students who want to go deeper into their learning
- Getting pushed to be the best you can be happens in my AP Prep class

QUESTIONS?



Next Steps

For students *within* the Lakeshore Catholic boundary & attending a Lakeshore Catholic feeder school

St. Elizabeth, St. George, St. John Bosco, St. Joseph Snyder,
St. Patrick, St. Philomena, St. Therese, Our Lady of Victory

- Submit completed Registration and Course Selection forms to Mrs. Griepsma or Mrs. Capretta during the upcoming scheduled feeder school visits (Dates TBD).
- Pay the Voluntary \$55 Activity fee using School Cash Online
- Grade 8 Report Cards will be viewed by Mr. Markovich and Mr. Bartley

For students *within* the Lakeshore Catholic boundary but attending a DSBN elementary school

- Complete the online registration form and a guidance counsellor will follow up regarding course selection
- pay the Voluntary \$55 Activity Fee using School Cash Online
- Submit Final Grade 8 Report Card to Mr. Markovich or Mr. Bartley for review (hard copy/scanned and emailed)

For students *outside* the Lakeshore CHS boundary

- Submit Request for Admission form (Out-of-Boundary Form) to Mr. Markovich indicating that you are requesting to enroll your child in the AP Prep program
- Once approved, complete the online registration form (link available on the Lakeshore Catholic Website) and a guidance counsellor will follow up regarding course selection
- pay the Voluntary \$55 Activity Fee using School Cash Online
- Submit Grade 8 Report card (June report) to Mr. Markovich or Mr. Bartley for review (hard copy/scanned and emailed)

For More Information

Visit: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/>
and search courses

Contact one of our Program Chairs or a member of our Administration team for program or subject specific questions

Additional information is available on our website

Contact Information

Please call the school at (905) 835-2451 or email any member of our staff below with any questions.

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