



Advanced Placement (AP) Research

PEIMS Code: N1100014
Abbreviation: APRES
Grade Level(s): 9–12
Award of Credit: 1.0

Approved Innovative Course

- Districts must have local board approval to implement innovative courses.
- In accordance with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §74.27, school districts must provide instruction in all essential knowledge and skills identified in this innovative course.
- Innovative courses may only satisfy elective credit toward graduation requirements.
- Please refer to [TAC §74.13](#) for guidance on endorsements.

Course Description:

The second course in the Capstone experience allows students to explore deeply an academic topic, problem, or issue of individual interest. Through this inquiry, students design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation to address a research question.

In the *AP Research* course, students further their skills acquired in the AP Seminar course by understanding research methodology; employing ethical research practices; and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information as they address a research question. The course culminates in an academic thesis paper of approximately 5000 words and a presentation, performance, or exhibition with an oral defense.

AP Capstone™ is an innovative program from the College Board that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP courses — *AP Seminar* and *AP Research* — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses.

Teacher qualifications:

An assignment for an Advanced Placement Course is allowed with a valid certificate that matches the subject and grade level of the assignment unless otherwise specified.

Additional information:

AP Research is an official AP course and is sanctioned by the College Board. For additional information contact Jill Schott, Senior Director, State and District Partnership at jschott@collegeboard.org or 281-254-9757.