

AP Seminar

Advanced Placement (AP) Seminar

A course offered sophomore year in conjunction with World History and English II in a year long model.

Pathway:	
- Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Any time after Freshmen year○ Should enjoy history○ Not afraid to be academically challenged	- Freshmen <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ English I Honors○ AP Human Geography (preferred)

AP Seminar Objectives:

- World History with a focus to study political, economic, and social/cultural history. (1450 – ___)
- English II with a focus on literary analysis and writing structure.
- Argument Analysis
 - Identify an author's line of reasoning, claim, and structure
 - Analyze the effectiveness of author's claims, evidence, and reasoning
- Argumentation
 - Create an argument through the themes represented in four source documents
- Team Research and Presentation – 20% of AP score
 - Individual research compiled to formulate a research proposal
 - Research compiled into an argument
 - Argument compiled into a team presentation
- Individual Research project – 35% of AP score
 - Individual research compiled to formulate an argument
 - Argument compiled into an individual presentation

AP Seminar exam:	
▪ Short Answer Analysis of Argument <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 30 minutes for 3 short answer questions○ 13.5% of score	▪ Construct an evidence based argument <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 60 minutes for 1 argument essay○ 31.5% of score

Why take the test?

- ASU – 3 credits for a score of >3 which counts for elective credit
 - \$142 test = (\$358 per credit X 3) = \$1,074
- NAU – 3 credits for a score of >3 which counts for elective credit
 - \$142 test = (\$224 per credit X 3) = \$672
- UofA – 3 credits for a score of >3 which counts for elective credit
 - \$142 test = (\$733 per credit X 3) = \$2,199
- Most California Colleges and Universities offer at least 3 credits for a score of >3, but per credit prices vary

Even if a student were to *fail*, **85% of colleges** would rather see you tried and took the risk than taking an AP course and not test.