

What is the AP test/course about?

AP stands for Advance Placement, and is given by the Collegeboard which also does the SATs. Students don't have to take the AP course in order to take the AP test, and they can also choose to take only the AP course but not the test. There are a variety of AP tests, ranging from sciences to history to languages. AP courses tend to be a lot more difficult than regular or honor classes, with more homework and study required. AP courses tend to be similar to college level classes in difficulty.

Tests are offered once a year, in May. Students can take the AP test as many times as they want, but all scores will be shown to colleges, students cannot choose which score to show.

Why take the AP test/course?

Prepare students for college, college credit (UCs), and looks good on college applications. Because the AP course is an extremely hard course, similar to a college level course, students who take AP courses during their high school years will be more prepared than those who don't when they reach college. Most UCs give credit for taking the AP course, in the form of a boosted GPA. Taking the AP test gives an additional credit, many will give students college course credit. Currently, there is no set amount for the Chinese AP, but usually a score of 3 on a test will earn 4-8 unit credits depending on subject.

How is the AP test structured and scored?

All AP tests have a written section and a multiple choice section. Languages have an addition of a listening and speaking section (usually done through a recording). AP tests are on a scale of 1 to 5:

- 5 Extremely well qualified*
- 4 Well qualified*
- 3 Qualified*
- 2 Possibly qualified*
- 1 No recommendation**

*Qualified to receive college credit or advanced placement

**No recommendation to receive college credit or advanced placement

Penalties are given for wrong answers, either $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ depending on the number of choices. Omitted answers have no penalty, and no points are given either.

What's the difference between the AP and the SAT Subject Tests?

The SAT Subject Tests are similar to the AP tests in the sense that there's a variety of subjects, however, students do NOT receive any course credit or boosts in GPA if they take the SAT Subject test (SAT II). SAT II is used primarily in admission, and is scored differently. SAT II is scored on a scale from 200-800, with 800 being the max, and 200 being the minimum. Students usually take 2-3 subject tests, UCs typically require at least 2. SAT II tests are administered several times a year, and like the AP, can be taken as many times as wished. SAT II tests do not have a course to go along, unlike the AP test. SAT II tests tend to be a lot easier than the AP test, and are all multiple choice. There are also penalties on the SAT II, however, the penalty depends on the subject taken. It is usually a small fraction of a point per answer wrong, with omitted answers having no penalty.

什麼是 AP

AP=Advance Placement 大學先修課程及考試

有不同項目：語言、歷史、生物、物理、音樂、文學、數學、心理學等

在高中修，但不是每個學校都提供所有的課程

比一般高中普通或榮譽課程難度高

學生可以只修 AP 課，但不考 AP 考試；學生也不一定要修 AP 課才能考 AP

在課程方面：沒有數量的限制

在考試方面：考試一年只有一次，在五月份考

沒有數量的限制，但是所有的分數都會留紀錄並送到大學去

為什麼要修 AP 課

為學生進入大學修課做暖身（因為 AP 課通常很難，近似大學課程）

大部分的加大（UCs）會因你修了 AP 課而給你在總成績（GPA）上加分

為什麼要考 AP 考試

通過 AP 考試可以幫助你拿到 4 - 8 個的大學學分

如果你在一年內通過三個（或以上）AP 的考試，你可以得到 AP scholar 的證明及榮譽

AP 考試的型式及計分方式

AP 考試的型式通常分為書寫部分（written section）及選擇題（multiple choice section）；語言的 AP 考試另加聽及說的部分

AP 考試的計分方式通常以五分為滿分

5 Extremely well qualified* 非常合格

4 Well qualified* 合格

3 Qualified* 剛好合格

2 Possibly qualified* 接近合格

1 No recommendation** 不推荐

*合格獲得大學學分

**不建議獲得大學學分

※AP 考試答錯有倒扣，倒扣的分數是題目本身的 $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ 分不等，但是如果不做答，則不倒扣

AP 和 SAT 的比較

	AP	SAT
相同處	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 有許多科目可考● 沒有次數限制● 考題有倒扣	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 有許多科目可考● 沒有次數限制● 考題有倒扣
不同處	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 有搭配考試的課程● 在入學前可加總成績分；入學後可抵大學學分● 計分標準從 1-5● 考試一年只舉行一次 ● 考試難度較高；除了選擇題還有問答及寫作	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 沒有特別搭配考試的課程● 對入學有幫助但不能抵大學學分 ● 計分標準從 200-800● 考試一年只舉行多次，但有考聽力的語言考試只有一次（例如：中文）● 內容較容易；全是選擇題

中文 AP 的考試內容

部分	考題型式	問題的數目	時間
第一部分	選擇題	70 題	90 分鐘
聽力部分	會話 收音機廣播 廣播 電話內容及留言	30 題	45 分鐘
閱讀能力部分	私人信件 電子郵件 海報 徵人啓事 菜單 節目表 報章文稿 短篇故事	40 題	45 分鐘
第二部分	自由回答		90 分鐘
口語力部分	對與文化有關的文字敘述或 圖片做回應	7 題	
	對與文化有關的話題做對答	3 題	
寫作部分	用電子郵件與人談與學校有 關的話題	1 題	
	對與個人有關的一段話做回 應	1 題	
	對與文化有關的敘述做回應	3 題	

* 如內容與 College Board 所公布的有出入，請以 College Board 所公布的為準

AP 相關網站

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_chineselang.html?chineselang

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/educators/counselors/adminfo/freshman/advising/credit/aptest.html>