

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT/HONORS AT GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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For those students who seek a college preparatory option with more flexibility than a structured program such as Cambridge, Gainesville High School offers a full slate of Advanced Placement and honors courses.

Participation in Advanced Placement courses gives students the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high school, while both AP and honors courses help develop the writing skills, problem-solving techniques and study habits that prepare students for college academics. Taking rigorous AP and honors courses demonstrates a student's maturity, willingness to push intellectually and commitment to academic excellence.

## ***Flexibility Key in GHS AP/Honors Programs***

One of the most important aspects of the AP/Honors program at Gainesville High School is the flexibility students have in choosing courses and designing a schedule that allows them to more strongly focus on their strengths and interests.

Some students may seek advanced studies in history or English while others excel in the science or math area. For these students, a mix of AP and honors courses allows them to create a program of study that meets their academic needs.

This is particularly important in the junior and senior years when many students have determined

through earlier coursework the academic areas in which they excel and have an interest in studying after high school. For these students, GHS allows them to plan a schedule where they can study their preferred subjects more thoroughly through Advanced Placement courses, while taking the remainder of their academic courses through the honors curriculum.

## ***Benefits of AP Courses and Exams***

Each Advanced Placement course has a corresponding AP Exam that schools administer each May. These exams provide students with a standardized measure of their accomplishments in the AP classroom and allow them to experience a college-level exam while still in high school.

Many colleges and universities grant students credit, placement or both for qualifying AP Exam grades, providing students with more study options in college. For example by entering college with AP credit, a student can move more quickly into upper-level courses, pursue a double major or gain time to study or travel abroad.

Students also have the opportunity to earn an AP Scholar Award by taking AP exams. Each September, the College Board recognizes high school students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievements on the AP exams through AP Scholar Awards.

*For more information on GHS's Advanced Placement/honors curriculum, contact Ken Mercer, Ed.S., Chair, GHS Guidance Department and Cambridge Coordinator at 352.955.6707 or email at [kennethmercerc@bellsouth.net](mailto:kennethmercerc@bellsouth.net)*

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT/HONORS COURSE SEQUENCE

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Options

English Honors I
World History Honors
Biology Honors <i>or</i> AP Environmental Science
Algebra I Honors <i>or</i> Geometry Honors

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Options

English Honors II
AP European History
Chemistry Honors or Biology Honors <i>or</i> AP Environmental Science
Geometry Honors <i>or</i> Algebra II Honors

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Options

English Honors III <i>or</i> AP English Language
American History Honors <i>or</i> AP American History
Anatomy & Physiology Honors <i>or</i> AP Biology <i>or</i> AP Chemistry <i>or</i> AP Environmental Science
Algebra II Honors <i>or</i> Pre Calculus <i>or</i> AP Statistics

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Options

English Honors IV <i>or</i> AP English Literature
American Government/Economics Honors <i>or</i> AP American Government/Economics
Physics Honors <i>or</i> Anatomy & Physiology Honors <i>or</i> AP Biology <i>or</i> AP Chemistry <i>or</i> AP Environmental Science
Pre Calculus <i>or</i> AP Calculus AB <i>or</i> AP Statistics

## Academic Electives

Spanish I	French I	American Sign Language I
Spanish II	French II	American Sign Language II
Spanish III	French III	
Spanish IV	French IV	AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language & Literature	AP French Language & Literature	AP Studio Art

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