Introduction to AP Capstone Program

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A Paradigm Shift
Recognition is Growing by College Admissions

- AP Capstone enables students to move from just consuming information, to molding students who are holistic thinkers and problem solvers.

- Engaging
- National Standards
- Analyze
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinkers

AP Capstone ensures that the diversity of each classroom matches the diversity of its school.
AP Capstone™ is a diploma program based on two year long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take.

Instead of teaching specific subject knowledge, AP Seminar and AP Research use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills students need for college-level work.
The College Board developed the AP Capstone Diploma program at the request of higher education professionals, who saw a need for a systematic way for high school students to begin mastering these skills before college.

Students typically take AP Seminar in grade 10 or 11, followed by AP Research. Each course is yearlong, and AP Seminar is a prerequisite for AP Research.

To earn the AP Capstone designation, candidates must successfully pass AP Seminar and AP Research and score at least a 3 on a minimum of four other AP exams.
Over the course of the two-year program, students are required to:

Analyze topics through multiple lenses to construct meaning or gain understanding.

Plan and conduct a study or investigation.

Propose solutions to real-world problems.

Plan and produce communication in various forms.

Collaborate to solve a problem.
Integrate, synthesize, and make cross-curricular connections.
AP Capstone through The Lens of College Admissions

- Stand out to colleges in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they will use in college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem-solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.