

## AP Capstone Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. I have heard that it is “stressful, hard work, time consuming, and/or too difficult,” and I’m worried I won’t be able to handle it.***

Ample time is given **in class** to complete **all** course components, there will be little to no outside work – unless a student fails to utilize the time given in class to the best of their ability. The Capstone program is not prescriptive like other selective-entry programs; students are able to choose which AP classes to take based on their strengths and interests. Almost all work for both classes is done in class, so homework time can be spent where needed. Most students maintain an A average because they come to class every day AND they do all of their work. If you do the same, you too will be successful!

- 2. I’ve heard admittance to the program is selective, and I’m worried I won’t be able to get in.***

Students must complete an application during course registration – included with that application must be two teacher recommendations and a brief essay. A student must have at least a 3.0 GPA, no prior serious discipline offenses, and excellent attendance. If you meet those criteria, then chances are very good that you’d be selected!

- 3. You may have heard that AP Capstone “doesn’t count for anything” at a university. Here’s the real story:***

### Florida Universities give Capstone credit!

SCHOOL	SEMINAR CREDIT	RESEARCH CREDIT
University of Florida	IDS 0301 (3 cr)	ISS 0301 (3 cr)
Florida State University	FSU **** (3 cr)	FSU **** (3 cr)
University of Central Florida	IDS 1350 (3 cr)	IDS 1911 (3 cr)
Florida Atlantic University	IDS 1350 (3 cr)	IDS **** (3 cr)
University of North Florida	IDS 1350 (3 cr)	IDS 1000 (3 cr)
Florida Polytechnic	IDS 1350 (3 cr)	IDS 1000 (3 cr)
Florida Institute of Technology	-----	COM 1101 (3 cr)
Florida Gulf Coast University	IDS 1*** (3 cr)	IDS 1*** (3 cr)
Pasco Hernando State College	IDS 1999 (3 cr)	IDS 1999 (3 cr)
St. Pete College	IDS 1999 (3 cr)	REA 1105 (3 cr)

(For complete list, visit <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-capstone/higher-education-endorsement>)

\*\*\*\* denotes credit in the area of the student’s research

----- denotes no credit for Seminar

**NOTE:** At this time, USF does not award credit for AP Capstone; however, they do factor in the Capstone diploma during the admissions process (click on link above, scroll down to “Florida,” and you will see that USF has endorsed the program).

- 4. Will the curriculum enable me to focus on my personal interests?***

YES! During Seminar (the first tier of the program), students are able to work toward topics that interest them to meet course components. During Research, the topic of the year is chosen by the student so it can absolutely be a personal interest or in a field of future study at the University level. If you are thinking about participating in the school science fair, you can do the same topic in Research!

- 5. I have fears of speaking in front of people. Will I be required to present?***

Both Seminar and Research have speaking components, but these come after students have developed a skill set to assist with it. We work very hard to ensure that all students have a warm and fostering environment to ensure mastery of this important life skill. By the time you must present, you will have had ample practice.

**6. *Will taking AP Capstone hurt my GPA?***

Absolutely not!! It would be a major boost and the skill set will help ensure success in college at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.