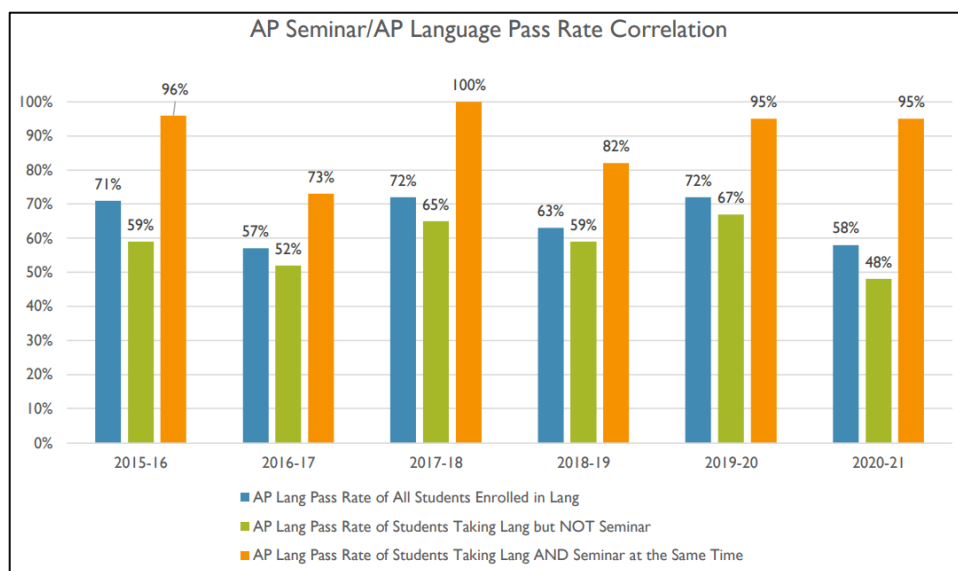


AP Capstone Diploma Program: Is It Right for You?

- 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!
- 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 a teacher recommendation 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 the chances are very good that you’d be selected!
- Will the curriculum enable me to focus on my personal interests?***
YES! During Seminar (the first class of the program), students can select 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- Will the skills I learn in AP Seminar help me in my other classes?***
Yes! In fact, the past eight years have shown a correlation between AP Seminar and AP Language. Take a look at this chart to see the data for yourself:



- You may have heard that AP Capstone “doesn’t count for anything” at a university. Turn this page over for a list of Florida colleges and universities that award credit for the AP Seminar and AP Research classes.*** (For complete list, visit both the College Board site at <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies/course/40> and search for your intended college).

College/University	City in Florida	Minimum Score
Chipola College	Marianna	3
College Of The Florida Keys	Key West	3
College of Central Florida	Ocala	3
DeVry University: Miramar	Miramar	3
Eckerd College	Saint Petersburg	4
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University: Daytona Beach Campus	Daytona Beach	3
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University: Worldwide Campus	Daytona Beach	3
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	3
Florida College	Temple Terrace	3
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	3
Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne	3
Florida Polytechnic University	Lakeland	3
Florida SouthWestern State College	Fort Myers	3
Florida State University	Tallahassee	3
Gulf Coast State College	Panama City	3
Indian River State College	Fort Pierce	3
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	3

Lake-Sumter State College	Leesburg	3
Miami Dade College	Miami	3
New College of Florida	Sarasota	3
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville	3
Nova Southeastern University	Fort Lauderdale	3
Pasco-Hernando State College	New Port Richey	3
Pensacola State College	Pensacola	3
Polk State College	Winter Haven	3
Saint Johns River State College	Palatka	3
Saint Petersburg College	St Petersburg	3
Santa Fe College	Gainesville	3
Seminole State College of Florida	Sanford	3
Southeastern University	Lakeland	3
University of Central Florida	Orlando	3
University of Florida	Gainesville	3
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	3
University of Tampa	Tampa	3
University of West Florida	Pensacola	3
Valencia College	Orlando	3

