

AP Seminar

Real World Research into Real World Issues

What's AP Seminar?

Seminar is a new AP class designed around hands-on learning and research. Basically, you learn college level research skills by finding real world solutions to real world problems.

Unlike most AP courses, Seminar doesn't end in one giant test. You earn your "score" in Seminar through a group research project, an individual research paper, and a shorter exam on fundamental research skills.

Most of all, YOU GET CHOICE in Seminar. What you research is determined through a conversation between you, your classmates, and your teacher.

How does it all work?

Seminar counts as an elective credit towards graduation requirements. Most students take AP Seminar and then register in a following year for AP Research. Seminar teaches you fundamental research skills. AP Research lets you do a full-year independent inquiry into a topic of your choosing.

College Board offers honors and awards through this program - the AP Seminar and Research Certificate for completing both classes with 3's or better or the prestigious AP Capstone Diploma for completing this program AND earning 3's or better in four other AP classes during high school.

Seminar is open in 2019-20 to Grades 10, 11, and 12. AP Research will be offered starting in 2020-21. There are no other prerequisites.

What about homework?

All AP courses are meant to be college equivalents and are rigorous and challenging. Seminar is no exception.

That said, because Seminar focuses on hands-on research and often group work, much of the work in Seminar will be in-class work.

Who teaches AP Seminar? How many classes will there be?

A teacher has not yet been assigned to Seminar. It will depend on scheduling and enrollment. The more students who register for Seminar, the more sections of it there will be.

Am I a good fit for this class?

Seminar is **NOT** “school-as-usual.” If you like student choice, independent inquiry, hands-on learning, and thinking about solving real world issues, Seminar can be a good fit for you.

What do I do next?

If you have questions, see your counselor or e-mail the LA Department Head Mr. Mancoff (mancoffd@svsd410.org). If you are interested, be sure to register for AP Seminar on 3/13.