

AP Capstone Pathway at PTC



Grade	Semester 1	Semester 2
Grade 11	Interdisciplinary ELA/History 30F (full year) & ELA Transactional Focus 40S (research focus section)	Interdisciplinary ELA/History 30F (full year) & AP Seminar 42S
Grade 12	AP Research 42S (full-year course)	

ELA Transactional Focus 40S (research focus section)

This full credit course fulfills the mandatory English 40S credit students need to graduate and provides building blocks crucial to success in the AP Capstone program. In this section, students learn to analyze a variety of high-level texts for complex arguments and write using an academic tone and structure. In addition, students learn to evaluate credibility and to use proper citation formatting. This course ensures students have the fundamental understandings to be able to access the AP Seminar curriculum. Students write a provincial ELA exam in January.

AP Seminar 42S

This full credit course teaches students the QUEST model of research through a series of research tasks. In research task 1, students work as a team to investigate an interdisciplinary question of their choice. Each student is responsible for an individual research report that they use to help guide their team multimedia presentation, which should be a synthesis of the research papers. In research task 2, students must use materials from the AP stimulus package to drive a topic of research and complete another individual report, as well as an individual multimedia presentation. Students must take AP Seminar 42S in conjunction with ELA Transactional Focus 40S (research focus section) to ensure completion of all College Board requirements. Students can choose to write an AP Seminar exam in May to be eligible for university credit.*

AP Research 42S

This full credit course is spread across an entire school year to facilitate the pacing requirements for a rigorous research project. Students choose a topic of their choice to investigate through the various stages of the research process: a review of the existing academic literature, an investigation of methods, the collection of data, an analysis of data, and drawing of conclusions. Students can choose a discipline of their choice in their investigation. They have the option of working with an expert adviser during their work to help guide their research in any discipline-specific questions. Students are responsible for a 5000-word research paper and a 20-minute academic presentation with oral defense. There is no exam in AP Research but students can choose to submit their work to the AP College Board for assessment to be eligible for university credit.*

*Please note that each individual post-secondary institution has different requirements for transfer credits. It is the student's responsibility to check into the eligibility of the AP Capstone program at the institution of their choice. There is a fee associated with the AP Seminar exam and with the assessment of the AP Research paper at the College Board level. In 2024, the fee was approximately \$200 per course with the USD exchange rate.