

SOUTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR AP COURSES

In order to be successful in the AP program, students will need to budget their time taking in account the following:

- These are **COLLEGE LEVEL** courses
- These courses should require more time than non-AP classes
- Students need to factor in time needed for after school activities
- On occasion the courses require work over breaks.
- Students must remain in the AP course for the first quarter.

AP Course	Reading Load	Hours of Study/Prep	Tests/Quizzes/Papers	Major Projects	Summer Assignments
ARTS					
AP Studio Art 2-D/ Drawing	None	One to two hours per night	1 essay per quarter	Minimum 24 per year for the AP Portfolio Exam	Research 3 different artists from three different centuries (one being a contemporary artist). List mediums, techniques, and concepts you would like to explore for your concentration. Create 12 drawings that explore your chosen theme.
AP Art 3-D Design	None	One hour each class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • essay per quarter • 2-4 short written evaluations per quarter 	Minimum 20 per year for the AP Portfolio Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One artist research • One Museum/Gallery Visit • 2 Sculptural projects (chosen forma list)
AP Music Theory	1 chapter every 3-4 classes	One hour for written theory/15 min training	Daily quizzes, test every 3-4 classes	Appx 1/quarter	None
ENGLISH					
AP Language (11TH grade)	Read 20-30 pages per class. 1-3 major literary works per quarter; a substantial amount of reading (fiction and nonfiction)	Two hours per class	2-4 timed writings, 1-2 major papers per quarter, biweekly vocabulary quizzes, AP practice tests, test on each major literary work; current events assignments	Documented essay at least 2 quarters; independent reading; fiction and nonfiction reading assignments and group projects; Socratic seminars on major works	Read a work of literary merit by an American author

AP Literature (12th grade)	Read up to 25 pages per night	One to two hours per class	3-4 timed writings a quarter. 1-2 major papers/quarter. Tests and quizzes to cover each major literary work.	Reading log/journal. Research/critical analysis paper. Various projects tied to reading assignments.	Read 2 novels (to be named)
LANGUAGES					
AP Spanish Language & Culture	Approx. 5-10 pages per essay, or 2-3 per article. Online grammar, reading and speaking practices.	One to two hours per class	-Weekly vocab and grammar quizzes -Weekly reading comprehension check -Weekly lab practice -2 timed writings per quarter - 3 Presentational speaking presentations	- Proyecto de estudio de país (country study) -Mini-escenarios - Cultural projects	-Write three articles from Spanish newspapers and summarize them, and watch news in Spanish. (to be done over certain periods over the summer break) -Prepare a written and oral cultural presentation in Spanish to discuss the first week of school -Prepare to present a significant personal presentation the first week of school
AP French Language	Approx. 5-10 pages per story/fable, or 2-3 per article; also several pages, 10-20 pages in college level grammar textbook(s)	45 minutes-1 hour per night	-weekly vocab and grammar quizzes -weekly conversation and lab practice -weekly check of reading comprehension -2 timed writings per quarter -Midterm and Final exams	-Présentation d'un Auteur -Présentation d'un Artiste	-write an autobiography in French as a presentation of themselves -read and summarize a Francophone story or legend/fable Prepare to present a significant photograph orally the first week of school (Should take about 2 hrs.)

AP Latin	Approximately 25 lines of Vergil's Aeneid (translated, analyzed, scanned) per class	1-2 hours per class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly vocab, grammar and translation quizzes • Long and short essays (from previous AP tests) assigned every 2 weeks • Midterm & Final Exams <p>-Tests given at end of each book of the Aeneid containing translation, essays and multiple-choice questions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illustrated Timeline of Vergil's Aeneid • Poetic/literary device project 	-Read a scholarly article and write summary (article either about Vergil and his place in Roman society or Augustus and his rise to
AP Japanese	Short readings per class	One hour per class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kanji characters and vocabulary quizzes every week. - One essay every other week 	Cultural projects/presentations	Readings in the language with comprehension questions
MATH					
AP Calculus AB	5-7 pages per class	One hour for each class	Approximately 2 per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Problem Set at least once a quarter -- Workbook assignment for every unit -Volume Project in Unit 6 -Post AP Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -8-page assignment on prerequisite skills -assessment given during the first 2 weeks of school

AP Calculus BC	5-7 pages per class	One hour for each class	Approximately 2 per month	-Volume Project in Unit 6 -Will always have at least one out of class assignment from a workbook or problem set of Free Response questions. -Post AP Project	- <i>Zombies and Calculus</i> by Colin Adams -Short report and assessment on summer reading
AP Computer Science	15-20 pages a week.	1.5 hours per class	1 Test per 2 weeks, 1 Quiz per 2 weeks, 3 Programs per 2 weeks.	No major projects	None
AP Statistics	Approx. 20 pages	Approx. 1-1.5 hours on average	3-4 tests per quarter Midterm, final exam	1 final project after AP exam 1+ project per quarter	Purchase review book and complete first chapter (approx. 1-2 hours MAX)
SCIENCE					
AP Biology	20 pages/week	30 minutes per night	-3-4 multiple choice tests per quarter covering multiple chapters -2 timed writings per month	On- going labs	purchase a Baron's AP Biology Review Book & read <i>Survival of the Sickest</i>
AP Chemistry	30-50 pages per week in a college level text book	One to two hours for each class	Weekly homework, 1 or 2 post lab assignments per chapter, you must purchase a specified lab notebook 1 Test per chapter ~4 chapters per quarter	~1 paper about mid-course	A review of Chemistry I assignment (~6 hours) Purchase an AP Review Book of your choice

AP Environmental Science	30-40 pages/week in college level text	30-60 minutes per night	2-3 AP format tests (multiple choice + free response essay) per quarter covering multiple chapters -weekly multiple choice quizzes	-Science Fair Project required -1outdoor Field Study -3 hours community service required per quarter related to topic being studied	-purchase an AP review book (Princeton Review)
AP Physics C Mechanics	1 chapter every 4-6 classes (chapters are 30 – 45 pages long)	One hour per class	Chapter tests Timed Tests. Practice AP timed tests every several classes	None	None
AP Physics 1	1 chapter every 4-6 classes (chapters are 30-45 pages long)	One hour per class	Unit Tests Formal Lab Reports Year End Project	None	None
AP Physics 2	1 chapter every 4-6 classes (chapters are 30-45 pages long)	One hour per class	Unit Tests Formal Lab Reports Year End Project	None	none
Social Studies					
AP World History <i>A thematic view of world history from 3000 BCE to present</i>	50- 100 pages per week in college level textbook	One-two hours for each class	- Weekly reading quizzes - 1 AP/college level test per month covering multiple chapters - 2-3 timed writings per quarter	- Culminating project at end of year	Read portions of <i>The History of the World in 6 Glasses</i> and write an analytical essay utilizing information from the text
AP U.S. History <i>Chronological, fact-based survey of US History from 1500 - present</i>	60-75 pages per week in college level textbook	One – two hours for each class	- 2-3 tests per quarter - 2-3 graded timed writings (essays) per quarter	-FOCUS to be used for essay/document reading skills -Culminating project at end of year	Summer reading and assignment to be handed out before the end of the school year

<p>AP U.S. Government <i>Thematic overview of the American political system</i></p>	30-50 pages per week in college level textbook	One hour for each class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly critical analysis of current events - 2-3 tests per quarter - 5-6 quizzes per quarter - 1-2 timed essays per quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election project - Model Congress - Research Paper - Community Service Activity 	Summer reading (political work) and writing assignment (to be distributed before school is out); non fiction book with written assessment
<p>AP Psychology <i>Thematic overview of psychological themes and concepts</i></p>	30 -50 pages per week in college level textbook	One hour for each class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daily quizzes and/or note checks - 4-5 tests with timed essays per quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximately one project per quarter 	Summer reading and writing assignment (to be distributed before school is out); book related to psychology with written assessment
<p>AP Economics <i>An understanding of the principles of economics as a whole and as an individual</i></p>	0-50 pages per week in college level textbook	One+ hours for each class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Daily/weekly reading quizzes -2-4 graded timed writings per quarter -2-3 tests per quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -one-two projects per quarter 	None