

Consider Taking an AP Course

There are no ifs, ands or buts...research clearly indicates that students who take AP coursework will do better in college. If AP isn't quite right for you, then do everything in your power to put more rigor into your schedule. Challenge yourself to take as much rigor as you possibly can. You will be glad you did down the road.

Is AP Right for You? (Keep these things in mind BEFORE enrolling in an AP course.)

1. Your personal goals and aspirations.
2. Your course load—What other courses are you taking? How much homework can you tolerate?
3. Personal interest in subject matter—Play to your strengths. Pick AP coursework that is interesting to you.
4. Your skills and abilities—AP coursework requires good study habits and solid organizational and time management skills.
5. Your commitments and time—Do you have the motivation and time to invest in AP coursework? What other commitments do you have? Work? Volunteering? Extracurricular activities? Make sure you evaluate everything on your plate.

Will it be worth it? (Yeah, probably...) Here are Some Potential Rewards...

1. Challenging coursework
2. Scholar recognition
3. College credit – potentially save money, choose a major sooner, flexibility to double-major
4. Preparation for college -- develop college-level academic skills (help you become college ready).
5. Impress college admission counselors