
Advanced Placement Course Update to Board Policy 3.205

The Background:

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are proprietary curricula developed by the College Board and taught as rigorous, college-level courses in high schools across the country. These rigorous courses are aligned with AP Exams, through which students can earn college credit if they meet or exceed the score(s) accepted by the institutions of their choice. All University of Tennessee and Tennessee Board of Regents institutions award credit based on student performance on AP exams.

The courses listed in the Approved High School Courses (Board Policy 3.205) need updating to reflect the current offerings of AP courses by the College Board. This item recommends adding courses that have not previously been included in this policy, and removing courses that have been retired by the College Board within the Approved High School Courses (Board Policy 3.205). Additionally, this item recommends listing each of the AP courses offered by the College Board separately, rather than within general areas (e.g., Macroeconomics and Microeconomics instead of Economics).

New College Board AP Courses (2014-15):

Advanced Placement Physics I*

Advanced Placement Physics II*

*These courses are replacing Physics B

AP Courses Retired by College Board:

Advanced Placement Physics B

Existing AP Courses Added to Approved High School Course List:

Advanced Placement Chinese Language & Culture

Advanced Placement Italian Language & Culture

Advanced Placement Japanese Language & Culture

Advanced Placement Psychology

Updated Course Titles to Reflect Current College Board AP Offerings:

Advanced Placement Computer Science A

Advanced Placement Studio Art: 2-D Design*

Advanced Placement Studio Art: 3-D Design*

Advanced Placement Studio Art: Drawing*

Advanced Placement English Language & Composition*

Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition*

Advanced Placement French Language & Culture

Advanced Placement German Language & Culture

Advanced Placement Spanish Language & Culture*

Advanced Placement Spanish Literature & Culture*

Advanced Placement Calculus AB*
Advanced Placement Calculus BC*
Advanced Placement Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism*
Advanced Placement Physics C: Mechanics*
Advanced Placement Macroeconomics*
Advanced Placement Microeconomics*
Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics*
Advanced Placement Comparative Government & Politics*

*Indicates courses that have been separated into the distinct College Board AP offerings where they were previously listed under one generic AP content area.

This item also updates footnotes in the Academic Program portion of Approved High School Courses (Board Policy 3.205) to align with the Career and Technical Education Program submission, approved in January 2014, in all areas with the exception of Social Studies, which will be submitted by the Division of Curriculum and Instruction.

There are slight formatting updates in the attached course list but there are no other revisions since first reading.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.