

What is the difference between AP and Academic courses?

- AP courses equate to a first year college level course; therefore, students may earn college credit for the course.
- In AP classes, students are expected to read and write at an advanced level.
- The work load is much heavier in AP classes.
- There is an emphasis on outside reading from college-level texts.
- AP courses typically involve a lot of discussion and are writing intensive.

Academic or Regular Classes	Advanced Placement Classes
Teachers tend to provide more direct instruction.	Students are generally self-motivated.
<p>The teacher’s role is primarily as facilitator of learning. Homework is assigned regularly and is collected for a grade.</p> <p>Students complete homework generally in order to earn or maintain a grade in addition to reinforcing information covered in class.</p>	<p>Homework is assigned, but not all may be collected or graded. Students may have fewer grades per quarter.</p> <p>The purpose of homework is to reinforce classroom activities and to fill gaps in knowledge. Students are expected to complete this individually.</p> <p>Students may be tested on information not specifically covered during class time, but was discussed in assigned readings.</p>
The course may resemble traditional high school classes.	An AP course may resemble what is seen in university classrooms. Students are provided a college-level textbook and supplemental readings.
Williamson County Schools’ Scope and Sequence are adhered to; however, expectations that go beyond these standards may vary depending on the instructor or course.	Students are consistently held to standards of evaluation and achievement that go beyond what is expected from Williamson County Schools and AP College Board. These standards are consistently enforced as a way to prepare students for real-world demands and the demands of a collegiate setting.