

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Courses Offered:

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Computer Science (A)
- Computer Science Principles (B)
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- European History
- Psychology
- US Government & Politics
- US History

Open Enrollment:

Saint Stanislaus offers a total of ten AP classes. AP classes at Saint Stanislaus are open enrollment and we are very proud that a large number of our students choose to take at least one AP class in their time at Stanislaus.

Student Savings:

The average AP student at Saint Stanislaus takes 6 AP classes during their time on campus and passes 4 exams. This amounts to a semester or more of college credits and savings of \$10,500 (public) to \$23,500 (private). In 2020, 20% of Saint Stanislaus AP students will graduate with 8 college credits which amounts to a full year of savings!

Why AP?

Research completed by College Board® has concluded that **taking just one AP class during high school** increases college readiness and the likelihood that a student will receive a college degree in four years (the majority of American college students don't finish college in four years now). At Saint Stanislaus we have an open enrollment policy in AP classes in order to give every student the opportunity to push themselves beyond our rigorous curriculum.

This research also showed that AP classes have a far greater impact on ACT/SAT results and on-time college graduation than dual enrollment classes taught on high school campuses. Additionally, most selective colleges do not accept dual enrollment credits, whereas nearly all colleges have some policy in place to accept AP credits (only 9 colleges in the United States do not accept AP credits).

Results Oriented:

* **70% of Saint Stanislaus students who took an AP exam last May received a score of '3' or higher** (3 is considered 'passing'). Our passage rates are twice as good as Mississippi's average rate (35%) and nearly 20% better than the national/global average passage rate (53%).

* **18% of Saint Stanislaus students who took an AP exam last May scored a 'perfect' score of 5/5.** Our percent of students who received a perfect score nearly doubled the global average of 12% and tripled the Mississippi rate of 5%.

We are very proud of these results because it allows our students to impress the **most selective colleges**, and **it saves families money** in college.

AP Saves Families Money:

Scoring a '3' or higher on an AP exam is considered a 'passing' score and most colleges will grant college credit for scores of 3 or higher. With the average yearly cost of college increasing to \$21,000 (public) and \$47,000 (private), Saint Stanislaus has developed a structured and scaffolded AP program that allows students to maximize the number of AP classes they can take during their time on campus. Saint Stanislaus has created a target range of 6-8 AP classes for our highest achieving students. Research shows that this number of AP classes will not only maximize college readiness, but it also greatly increases the odds that our students will finish college in four years. In fact, if a student can get passing scores in 8 AP classes, they are likely to graduate college early (20% of AP students in the 2020 graduating class will graduate with 8+ credits).