

New Information About 2020 AP Exams

A great resource for learning about this year's AP Exams is [Trevor Packer's presentation](#).

Exam Dates

Most AP teachers and students we surveyed prefer to test earlier, while the content is still fresh.

- Exams will be given from May 11–22.
- Makeup test dates will be available for each subject from June 1–5.
- Students can take exams at home or in schools, if they reopen.
- Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide.
- [View the full testing schedule.](#)

Exam Format & Features

Most exams will have one or two free-response questions, and each question will be timed separately. Students will need to write and submit their responses within the allotted time for each question.

- Students will be able to take exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. They'll be able to type and upload their responses or write responses by hand and submit a photo via their cell phones.
- For most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long, plus an additional 5 minutes for uploading. Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up.
- Certain courses—Art and Design: 2D; Art and Design: 3D; Computer Science Principles; Drawing; Research; and Seminar—will use portfolio submissions and will not have a separate online exam. All deadlines for these submissions have been extended to May 26, 2020, 11:59 p.m. ET. Teachers and students may receive separate course-specific communications.
- Students taking world language and culture exams will complete two spoken tasks consistent with free-response questions 3 and 4 on the current AP Exam. Written responses will not be required. We'll provide additional details in the coming weeks to help students prepare.

To learn more about the rationale behind the exam content, [watch Trevor Packer's presentation](#).

Tips for testing on specific devices will be available in late April.

AP curricula are locally developed, and we defer to local decisions on how best to help students complete coursework. To be fair to all students, some of whom have lost more instructional time than others, the exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.

Like many college-level exams, this year's AP Exams will be open book/open note. [Get tips for taking open book/open note exams](#).

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We recognize that some students may not have access to the tools and connectivity they need to review AP content online and take the exam. If your students need mobile tools or connectivity, you can [reach out to us directly](#) to let us know

Exam Timing

- Most AP teachers students surveyed nationwide prefer to test earlier, while the content is still fresh.
- Exams will be given from May 11 through May 22.
- Make-up test dates will be available for each subject from June 1 through June 5.
- Students can take the exam at home or in schools, if they reopen.
- Subject-specific exam times and tasks are available below. Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide.

Before Exam Day

In late April, we'll provide AP students and educators with information on how to access the testing system on test day, and video demonstrations so that students can familiarize themselves with the system.

Exam Day and After

[Get information](#) about exam scoring, the score release timeline, and why we believe that most colleges will award credit for 2020 scores as they have in the past.

Exam Scores and College Credit

As usual, students' work will be scored by our network of college faculty and AP teachers, and will be reported on a 1–5 scale. We anticipate releasing scores as close to the usual July timeframe as possible.

We're confident that the vast majority of higher ed institutions will award college credit as they have in the past. We've spoken with hundreds of institutions across the country that support our solution for this year's AP Exams.

Exam Security

Like many college-level exams, this year's AP Exams will be open book/open note. The exam format and questions are being designed specifically for an at-home administration, so points will not be earned from content that can be found in textbooks or online. However, students taking the exams may not consult with any other individuals during the testing period. We'll take the necessary steps to protect the integrity of each exam administration, as we do every year.

We're confident that the vast majority of AP students will follow the rules for taking the exams. For the small number of students who may try to gain an unfair advantage, we have a comprehensive and strict set of protocols in place to prevent and detect cheating. While some of these practices are confidential to maximize their effectiveness, students and education professionals can learn more about our [security measures](#).

At a minimum, test takers should understand that those attempting to gain an unfair advantage will either be blocked from testing or their AP scores will be canceled, and their high school will be notified as will colleges or other organizations to which the student has already sent any College Board scores (including SAT® scores). And they may be prohibited from taking a future Advanced Placement® Exam as well as the SAT, SAT Subject Tests™, or CLEP® assessments.

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