



## What are Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses?

Established over 50 years ago by the College Board, the academically challenging Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> (AP<sup>®</sup>) courses are designed to expose able and motivated High School students to college-level academic material. The AP program functions as a cooperative endeavor between secondary schools, colleges, and universities. Secondary schools lay the foundation for the AP by offering their students courses taught by dedicated and committed teachers. High school students who successfully complete these courses, in turn, demonstrate to colleges and universities that they have mastered the subject material by taking AP examinations. By assessing and evaluating the AP examination grades, colleges and universities often award prospective students credit or placement (e.g., sophomore standing) for the subject.

## The AP program at the American School of The Hague

The AP program has been a permanent part of ASH's broad and challenging academic program for over 40 years. The AP is recognized by universities in more than 50 countries worldwide as a standard of academic excellence. As a result, many ASH graduates have earned anywhere from one college credit hour to full second year standing, depending on the number of AP exams taken and the scores earned. AP students who are applying to universities are advised to inquire directly at the university admissions office concerning its AP policy.

AP Grading is based on a scale 1 through 5 with 5 being the highest mark.

## Why Participate in the AP program?

### Broaden Your Intellectual Horizons

- Explore the world from a variety of perspectives, most importantly your own.
- Study subjects in greater depth and detail.
- Assume the responsibility of reasoning, analyzing, and understanding for yourself.

### Demonstrate Your Maturity and Readiness for College.

- Show your willingness to take the most rigorous courses available to you.
- Emphasize your commitment to academic excellence.

### Gain the Edge in College Preparation

- Improve your writing skills and sharpen your problem-solving techniques.
- Develop the study habits necessary for tackling rigorous course work.
- Get a head start on college-level work.
- Stand out in the college admissions process

## The Advanced Placement International Diploma<sup>®</sup> (APID<sup>®</sup>)

The Advanced Placement International Diploma (APID) is a globally recognized certificate for students with an international outlook. The APID challenges a student to display high achievement on AP Exams across several disciplines. The APID is available to students attending secondary schools outside the United States. The APID is not a substitute for a high school diploma, but rather provides additional certification of outstanding academic excellence.

The Advanced Placement International Diploma consists of 5 courses

- Two different Languages (English & World Languages)
- One AP course with a global perspective (e.g. Human Geography)
- One Math or Science course
- One other course from any content area except English and World Languages

**NOTE:** Special accommodations may be available for students with special needs. See the AP Coordinator for more information.



## AP<sup>®</sup> Courses at the American School of The Hague

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program at the American School of The Hague gives students an opportunity to take college-level courses and exams while they are still in high school. Successful completion of AP courses provides students with the opportunity to earn credit and/or advanced placement for college or university. ASH currently offers 14 courses in 5 subject areas. Students not enrolled in an AP course, but who may be engaged in "home-schooling" or self-study, are able to order exams in any AP subject. The following AP courses are offered at ASH:

### I. Languages

English Literature  
French Language  
German Language  
Spanish Language

### II. Sciences

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics (B)

### III. Mathematics

Calculus AB  
Calculus BC  
Statistics

### IV. Social Sciences

Human Geography  
United States History  
Comparative Government

### V. The Arts

Music Theory

## AP Examination Results at ASH - May 2010

No. of Students taking exams	54					
No. of exams taken	89					
% scoring 3, 4 or 5	87%					
Average score per exam	3.77		(2009 world average score 2.89)			
SCORE	5	4	3	2	1	
Number of grades reported	32	22	24	5	6	total 89
Percentage of total	36%	25%	27%	6%	7%	total 100

## Historical Examination Scores for the AP Program at the American School of The Hague

Number of Students Earning Each Score / Percentage of Students Earning Each Score per Exam

Test Score	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
5 (Extremely Well Qualified)	32/36%	26/28%	27/23%	25/24%	29/27%	26/26%
4 (Well Qualified)	22/25%	36/39%	42/37%	25/24%	27/25%	32/32%
3 (Qualified)	24/27%	19/20%	24/21%	31/30%	21/20%	24/24%
2 (Possibly Qualified)	5/6%	9/10%	15/14%	13/12%	17/16%	12/12%
1 (No Recommendation)	6/7%	3/3%	8/7%	10/10%	12/11%	4/4%