

Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors Courses

AP courses are college-level courses students can take in high school. Honors courses are also more challenging than regular classes, but not to the degree of AP courses. (For all honors courses except Pre-Calculus and Spanish 4, students enroll in the regular class but can get “Honors” designation and credit by doing a significant amount of additional work in that subject area.)

Both AP and Honors courses provide an excellent opportunity for students to prepare for college-level work and demonstrate their academic abilities to colleges. It also allows them to earn a higher GPA: when calculating the GPA for AP courses, the value is based on a 5.0 scale (A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0), and when calculating the GPA for Honors courses, the value is based on a 4.5 scale (A = 4.5, B = 3.5, C = 2.5).

AP courses have the added benefit of preparing students for the AP Exams (administered each May). If students do well on an AP Exam, most colleges will give them college credit and/or exempt them from introductory coursework in that subject.

Prerequisites for AP courses:

1. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (B average).
2. The recommendation of previous teacher(s) in the subject area
3. Maintaining a semester grade of “C” or higher.

For more information on AP courses and exams, please visit the AP website (at <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>)

Dual Credit Courses

Similar to the AP Exams, dual credit eligible courses enable students to earn college credits while still in high school. For \$200 per course, Colorado Christian University will grant college credit for these courses (provided students earn a C or higher). Because Colorado Christian is fully accredited, the credits are transferable to most colleges. For more information: www.ccu.edu/dualcreditprogram/students.

Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, and Dual Credit courses offered at Calvin Christian High School:

A.P. Biology	11th grade
A.P. Calculus AB <i>(dual credit eligible)</i>	12th grade
A.P. Computer Science	10 th , 11 th , or 12th grade
A.P. Computer Science Principles	10 th , 11 th , or 12th grade
A.P. English Literature & Composition	12th grade
A.P. U.S. History <i>(dual credit eligible)</i>	11th grade
A.P. Spanish Language <i>(dual credit eligible)</i>	12th grade
Algebra 2 <i>(dual credit eligible)</i>	10 th , 11 th , or 12th grade
English 10 Honors	10th grade
Physics Honors	11th or 12th grade
Pre-Calculus Honors	11th or 12th grade
Spanish 3 Honors	11th or 12th grade
Spanish 4 Honors <i>(dual credit eligible)</i>	12th grade

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