

AP Seminar Course Application

AP Seminar provides students the opportunity to:

- Thoroughly explore different themes while considering diverse perspectives (e.g., cultural and social, artistic and philosophical, political and historical, environmental, economic, and scientific). These themes will be chosen by the students in May.
- Analyze a wide variety of source material to gain a rich appreciation and understanding of issues including: articles; research studies; foundational, literary, and philosophical texts; speeches; broadcasts; personal accounts; artistic works; and performances.
- Work collaboratively with a team to identify, investigate, analyze, and evaluate an academic or real-world problem or issue. Consider options, alternatives, or solutions and develop a multimedia presentation to communicate your conclusion or recommendation.
- Work independently to identify a research question based on provided source material and then research that topic. Analyze, evaluate, and select evidence to develop an argument that you will present and defend. Finally, produce a multimedia presentation delivered to your classmates.

A successful AP Seminar student:

- is a strong reader and writer. Students will spend about 45 minutes each day reading material or writing responses for homework to prepare for the next day's class.
- has a strong work ethic, an ability to work both independently and in groups, and good critical thinking skills, rather than simple memorization. Team projects and presentations are a major part of this course.
- is prepared to make the commitment to learning new skills in a challenging class.

Unlike other AP courses, this course is comprised of three major components that make up the AP score:

- Team Project & Presentation
- Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
- End-of-Course AP Exam. The cost of the AP Seminar exam in 2018 is \$142.

There are no prerequisites for AP Seminar. If you are excited about working hard and investigating a variety of topics with your classmates, then this class is for you! If you have questions about the class, you can learn more by visiting <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-seminar>, talking to your guidance counselor, or emailing Mrs. Peixoto at mpeixoto@bishopfeehan.com.

Directions: Students who wish to enroll in AP Seminar should submit an application to the Academic Office no later than Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

I. Contact Information

Student Name: _____

HR: _____

Student Email: _____@bishopfeehan.com

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____ Parent Email: _____

II. Student Academics

List the classes you plan to take next year:

List the AP courses you are considering taking before graduation:

III. Student Activities - List the activities, sports, leadership, jobs, and/or clubs (school or outside) you are currently active in and your role in those activities.

IV. Self-Assessment - Rate yourself on the following criteria

	5 (high)	4	3	2	1	0 (low)
Ability to meet deadlines						
Experience working as part of a group						
Comfort level when speaking in front of a group						
Daily attendance						
Writing strength						

V. Written Responses - Answer the following questions and attach to this application. Responses must be typed, double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font. Limit each response to 200 words.

1. Explain why you are excited to be in AP Seminar. Include what you hope to gain from the experience and why you think you can succeed in a student-driven class.
2. What challenge (local, national, state, or global) would you like to solve? Why do you think it is important? How does this challenge personally speak to you/your interests? How would you like to solve it?

VI. Reference

Provide the name and signature of one classroom teacher who thinks you are a strong candidate for the AP Capstone program and is willing to be a reference for you. No letter of reference is needed.

Classroom Teacher Name: _____

Classroom Teacher Signature: _____

VII. Statement of Commitment

If accepted, I understand that AP Seminar is a rigorous course of study. By signing below, you acknowledge and understand this commitment.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

VIII. Guidance Signature

Before you submit your application, make sure that you have talked with your guidance counselor about your desire to pursue AP Capstone.

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

Guidance Counselor Signature: _____