



# Regina Catholic Education Center

## AP - Advanced Placement Classes

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### WHAT IS AP?

The Advanced Placement (AP) program offers high school students the opportunity to receive university credit while still in high school. There are over 35 AP courses offered throughout the nation. Students who enroll in these courses will take the AP exam at the end of the year and, based on their performance, may receive more or less university credit depending on the college or university to which they apply. (5=highest, 1=lowest)

### REGINA AP GRADE WEIGHTING

Regina AP classes receive grade weighting. Rationale: the quantity of work and the quality of Regina AP classes or online AP classes are very demanding as compared to the grade level counterpart class. The following scale is used: (below C-, the grade weighting returns to regular grade scale).

#### AP GRADE POINT SCALE

|    |      |    |      |    |      |   |      |
|----|------|----|------|----|------|---|------|
| A  | 4.50 | B- | 3.25 | D+ | 1.00 | I | none |
| A- | 4.50 | C+ | 2.10 | D  | 1.00 | S | none |
| B+ | 3.25 | C  | 2.10 | D- | 1.00 | U | none |
| B  | 3.25 | C- | 2.10 | F  | .00  | W | none |

### AP COURSES AT REGINA BY REGINA TEACHERS

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- US History
- World History
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Psychology
- Studio Art: Drawing

### AP COURSES ONLINE BY OUTSIDE COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS

- Statistics
- Chemistry
- US Government & Politics

### AP COURSES ONLINE MENTORED BY REGINA TEACHERS

- Spanish
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics

Each college or university may have a different AP credit policy based on course and student score. You can research the AP credit policies on the College Board Website:

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>

### WHAT AP STUDENTS SAY

*“Cal Poly is so much more than I expected. There is so much to do here both in school and out. I'm thinking about joining a club that builds a formula1-hybrid car (electric race car) from scratch and races it. As for AP credits I have enough to technically be a sophomore in the engineering program.”* - **Jared Geraets, class of 2014 (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA)**

*“It is great to save money and be receiving college credit, but I didn't realize how much it frees up your schedule for you to take classes you are really interested in. I have freed up enough time to be able to graduate in 4 years and study abroad, so that is wonderful!”* - **David Rudolph, class of 2012 (Oklahoma)**

*“AP credits helped me skip ahead to higher class levels that count as honors courses. It also will help me save money by not paying to take classes I was able to take in high school. Most importantly, it helped give me a better idea of the work load and level of responsibility necessary to do well in college classes, especially the online classes that were essentially self-paced.”* - **Mia Boldt, class of 2014 (University of Michigan)**

*“The material and knowledge that I was taught in AP absolutely is used in freshman and sophomore courses and by taking AP classes, whether or not I got credit for it, I was given a head start.”* **Greg Ward, class of 2012 (University of Northern Iowa)**

*“Taking AP classes definitely helped my all around experience in high school. They taught me to start thinking in different ways than I ever had and gave me a more complete education. They prepared me well for the difficulty of college classes. AP classes do require more time and effort outside of school which seemed difficult at the time, but it taught me how to effectively balance schoolwork with activities. On top of that, I'm now going to the University of Iowa with a full year's worth of credit which puts me ahead of many of my peers. I recommend AP classes to anyone who is up for the challenge but is also looking to reap the benefits from the AP process.”*

**Adam Ries, class of 2014 (University of Iowa)**