

# High School Graduation Requirements / AP / HMUN

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## **What do you need to graduate?**

- A student at ASU is required to attain a minimum of 30 credits to receive a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accredited International High School Diploma.
- 8 credits per year (4 credits per semester) for four years

**40 Hours of Community Service is required**, out of which only 10 can be obtain from school activities.

- 10 from ASU events (e.g. Winter Concert backstage staff)
- 30 from outside non-profit organizations

## **18 Compulsory Credits are required:**

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the ASU Diploma

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in Mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 3 credits in Science
- 2 credits in History
- 2 credits in the Fine Arts
- 2 credits in a Foreign Language: Chinese or French
- 1 credit in Health and Active Living Education
- 1 credit in Computer Science

All Mongolian Nationals are required to take Mongolian 9 and Mongolian 10 courses.

All American citizens are required to take U.S. History.

## **12 Elective Credits are required:**

- Course selection can be taken from any of the available courses in the catalogue
- Course selection is based on prerequisites

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Number of courses</b>	<b>Top University Requirements</b>	<b>Avg University Requirements</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>4 credits</b>	<b>At least 4 credits</b>	<b>4 credits</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Recommended 4 credits</b>	<b>3 -4 credits</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Recommended 4 credits</b>	<b>3-4 credits</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>At least 2 credits</b>	<b>2-3 credits</b>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>Recommended 4 credits of the same language</b>	<b>2-3 credits</b>
<b>Arts</b>	<b>2 credits</b>		
<b>Health</b>	<b>1 credits</b>		
<b>Computer</b>	<b>1 credits</b>		
<b>Mongolian</b>	<b>2 credits</b>		
<b>U.S. History</b>	<b>1 credit</b>		

# Electives

- **English:** Creative writing / Speech and Debate
- **Math: Algebra I → Geometry → Algebra II...** Linear Algebra / Statistics & Probability / Precalculus / AP Calculus
- **Science: Biology / Chemistry / Physics ...** AP Biology / Chemistry II / AP Physics or Physics II / AP Environmental Science
- **Computer: Introduction to Computer Science or Studies ...** Advanced Computer Science
- **Fine Arts : Visual Arts I & Visual Arts II or Advanced Band I & Band II**
  - AP 2D: Art or AP Music Theory
- **Chinese Level 1 & 2** can go up to level 3 & 4 (preparation for HSK exam)
- **French Level 1 & 2** can go up to level 3 / 4 / 5 (preparation for DELF exam)
- **History I & II :** U.S. History / AP Comparative Government / Introduction to Economics / AP World History
- **Business : Introduction to Business / Financial Accounting**

# Advanced Placement (AP) Courses and Exams

- **What is AP?**

- The AP Program offers college-level courses and exams that you can take in high school. Courses run either the first or second semester, with exams taken in the spring.

- **Advantages of taking AP courses**

- Earn College Credit: Your AP score could earn you college credits before you even set foot on campus.
- Earn Advanced Placement: Your AP score can let you skip courses in college.
- Stand Out to Colleges: “AP” on your high school transcript shows colleges you’ve tackled college-level work.

# Recognized for credit & placement around the world

- Nearly all colleges and universities in the United States grant credit and placement for qualifying AP scores.
- Qualifying AP Exam scores earn credit, advanced placement, or both in nearly all universities in the United States and Canada and are recognized in over 100 other countries worldwide.
- **Self-study for AP Exams**
  - Some students prepare for AP Exams on their own and can take an AP Exam without taking a course at school (if they meet the requirements)

# How to Use AP Scores

College faculty and AP teachers worked to develop courses and exams to ensure scores accurately represent students' achievement in the equivalent college courses. Research studies establish the following scores as valid for AP:

<b>AP Score</b>	<b>Credit Recommendation</b>	<b>College Grade Equivalent</b>
5	Extremely well qualified	A
4	Well qualified	A-, B+, B
3	Qualified	B-, C+, C
2	Possibly Qualified	n/a
1	No recommendation	n/a

Most colleges accept 3+ scores. To confirm a specific college's AP credit/placement policy, go to [apstudent.org/creditpolicies](https://apstudent.org/creditpolicies)



# AP Course Offerings

- **Current AP Course Offering**
  - Biology, Environmental Science, Physics, Calculus, World History, Comparative Government, English Literature and Composition
- **Other Courses Offered in Previous Years**
  - Studio Art, Music Theory, plus several self-study subjects

# AP Policies and Procedures

**AP Policy: Appropriate Grade Levels:** “Students should not be rushed into AP course work but should instead develop the necessary skills and conceptual understandings in foundational courses prior to enrolling in AP.”

## **Course Registration Process:**

- Students complete questionnaire
- Students have a conference with the AP teacher for that course and complete the discussion form, which is then submitted to the counselor.
- Administration will make a determination on whether the student is ready for the AP course.

# Harvard Model United Nations: HMUN China

## → What is it?

It's a four-day international relations simulation for high school students to debate complex global issues. Students are assigned a country and roleplay delegates to the **United Nations** and simulate **UN** committees.



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# Why participate?

- Develop skills and **conquer personal obstacles**
- Collaborate w/ **passionate** peers to debate and foster solutions to complex global problems
- Learn **hands-on** about the powers and limitations of international negotiation & the UN
- Creates a **sense of community** among delegates
- Fulfil ASU's 'Global Leaders of Tomorrow' motto & ESSO's
- Improves **College & Career** Readiness

# HMUN China: Key Details

## → Location

- ◆ Beijing, China

## → Cost

- ◆ Approx. \$900

- \$500 deposit (Oct. 15th)
- Flight, hotel (w/ breakfast), registration/ delegate fees
- Lunch/ dinner is at an additional cost

## → Students' Role

- ◆ Study country backgrounds, prepare position papers, ECA, be actively involved and committed

# HMUN China: Key Dates

- 1 October 2019
  - ◆ Priority Application Deadline
- 1 November 2019
  - ◆ Full Background Guides Uploaded
- 1 March 2020
  - ◆ Position Papers Deadline (2nd Semester ECA)
- 19th-22nd March, 2020
  - ◆ 4-day Conference in Beijing

## HMUN: More Info

<https://www.hmunchina.org>

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