



# Assumption College School

## Advanced Placement® Program

*“Where curiosity and passion transform into academic excellence.”*

### What is Advanced Placement (AP)?

The Advanced Placement or AP® program offers university-level courses and exams for secondary students. In Canada, the program is administered by the office of The College Board in Victoria, BC. It is recognized for advanced credit in many Canadian and American universities and colleges. Please check the website for other details concerning the AP® program at <http://apcanada.collegeboard.org/>.

### Benefits of Advanced Placement:

- Enrichment and academic challenge
- Acquire confidence and skills required for the rigors of a university workload
- Improves transition experience in the first year of university
- More likely to complete university degree
- Possible university credit and/or advanced placement

### The experience begins with STEM, LEAP and CWAYC:

#### **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club**

- Students pursue their love of innovation, technology, science and mathematics
- Challenges students to develop critical thinking and inquiry skills in preparation for university
- Components of STEM include guest speakers, science and mathematics contests, STEM Olympics, problem of the week, workshops, thought-provoking articles and field trips

#### **LEAP (Literature Enrichment Advanced Placement) Club**

- Challenges motivated students to pursue their love of communication, reading, writing and analysis of literature, oral communication and media studies
- Hone thinking and communication skills in preparation for university
- Components of LEAP include Book Club, guest speakers, writing contests, contributions to the school magazine, Poet’s Corner on Assumption Television and field trips

#### **CWAYC (Canadian and World Affairs Youth Council) Club**

- Students explore their passion and perspectives on important world issues, and work collaboratively to generate solutions to problems through action
- Develop thinking and communication skills to have a voice regarding economic, political, environmental, and social problems in Canada and the world at large
- Components of CWAYC include Mock Trial, Geography Challenge, ACMA (Assumption College Model UN Assembly), Environmental Action, conferences, guest speakers, field trips, and awareness campaigns

### Program Progression

- Grade 9 – **BE CURIOUS** – Come to the guest speakers, try a contest, read the articles.
- Grade 10 – **EXPLORE** – Continue the quest and go into greater depths.
- Grade 11 – **COMMIT** – Decide what you want to focus on, take Pre-AP courses where enrichment is built into the daily curriculum.
- Grade 12 – **EXCEL** – Take Advanced Placement Courses, write AP exams, and prepare for university in classes dedicated to excellence.

### Pre-AP and AP Courses Offered in Grades 11 and 12:

- English
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

*“Don’t just get into university; excel at university.”*