

AP Capstone™



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Research, Academic Rigor, Distinction

Now at Our Lady of Mercy School OLM

AP Capstone™ is a two-year course that enables and empowers students to build a strong foundation in research, work collaboratively, and ultimately to produce their own original, independent work in a discipline of their choice. They learn not only to produce an academic project suitable to their chosen fields but also to communicate and defend those findings effectively through multimedia presentations.

As stated in the AP Capstone™ Program, “In AP Seminar, students investigate real-world issues from multiple perspectives, gathering and analyzing information from various sources in order to develop credible and valid evidence-based arguments. In AP Research, students cultivate the skills and discipline necessary to conduct independent research in order to produce and defend a scholarly academic thesis.” The skills developed in this class will help students navigate a world where they are continually inundated with an ever-increasing amount of

information, detecting biases, pursuing multiple perspectives on relevant current events, and synthesizing the various points of view. At the end of the course, they will leave with abilities necessary for success both in college and beyond.

AP Capstone Curriculum

AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma™.

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

- Team Project & Presentation
- Research-Based Essay & Presentation
- End-of-Course Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

- Research Process Documentation
- Academic Thesis Paper
- Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses but not on the four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™, signifying successful performance in those courses.

