‘Iolani offers a multitude of College Board’s Advanced Placement courses in many academic areas, including English, History, Computer, Math, Performing and Visual Arts, Research, Science, and World Languages. These courses, part of an international program recognized by thousands of schools and colleges, present outstanding secondary school students with college-level curriculum. Although colleges differ in how they recognize AP scores, students who succeed on AP examinations and digital portfolio reviews may earn college credit based on their test performance, or be allowed to skip introductory courses and move directly into upper-level classes. Selective colleges strongly encourage students to challenge themselves. Taking AP courses is one way to do so.

Advanced Placement work, however, is not for everyone; for many students, the normal pace of ‘Iolani School is sufficiently challenging. Under no circumstances should a student’s grounding in the fundamentals be compromised in order to take an AP course. Students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP examination or submit a digital portfolio. They are responsible for registering for their specific class on their myAP account and the associated AP exam fee. Failure to do so without prior administrative approval will result in a failure for the course.

Registering for the Exam Portion:
• Students should speak to their grade level counselor before registering for any AP exam.
• If you are enrolled in an AP Course at ‘Iolani, you are required to take the respective AP exam. An exam has already been ordered for students in these classes and your student account will be billed the AP exam fee ($95). Students will register using their College Board account within the first week of classes.
• If you choose to take the AP English Language and Composition exam, you must sign up with full payment ($95) at the Registrar’s Office on campus by September 25th to reserve your spot.

Scoring:
Scores are between 1 and 5. Based on your score, a college may opt to give you college credit, skip a preliminary course, or both. Usually scores of 3+ are considered “passable”, however it is the discretion of the individual university to decide.

Reporting of Scores:
In general, you should send your scores no later than July of your senior year of high school, and some universities have a July 15 deadline. Two options:
• Free Mailing: You must sign in to My AP (onto your College Board account) to indicate the college, university, or scholarship organization that you want to receive your one free score. You have until the June 20th deadline to use your free score mailing. This option is ideal for Seniors who have already decided on a particular university.
• Score Choice: If you decide to wait until after the test or to send to more than one college, you can send your scores online for a $15 fee. Some colleges will not accept AP scores after you have arrived on campus as a freshman. This option is ideal for students who have not decided on a particular university.
AP Scholar: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

AP Scholar with Honors: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

AP International Diploma: Granted to students who receive 3 or higher on five or more AP Exams and plans to attend a university outside of the United States. More content specifications of those exams on the College Board website.

AP Capstone & AP Seminar and Research Certificate: If a student has any interest in the following Advanced Placement designations, they should speak to their grade level counselor as soon as possible. Both require ample time, effort, and skill. AP Seminar may be taken without completing one of the following sequences.