



Advanced Placement (AP) Student Contract

Our Lady of Mercy supports any student who wants to accept the challenges of an advanced class; however, the opportunity to be in Advanced Placement (AP) classes carries with it the responsibility to dedicate substantial time and energy to mastering the rigorous material and content set forth by College Board in preparation for the AP exam.

AP is an opportunity...

- To challenge yourself in a college level course.
- To work with other committed, focused students.
- To build the skill sets that directly correlate to success in college.
- To gain a deeper understanding of the material in a college course.
- To be better prepared for the rigorous demands of college.
- To prepare for an AP test associated with a credit bearing college course.

Students in AP Courses are expected to:

- Make a year long commitment to complete each year long course and take all corresponding AP exams in May.
- Consider the time commitment regarding taking multiple AP courses due to the highly demanding workload. Mercy encourages students to take no more than four AP/Dual Credit courses per year.
- Be an independent, self-motivated learner who is willing to read, learn, & ask questions as well as pursue outside reading & research in order to participate effectively in classroom discussions and activities.
- Attend all classes. Attendance is an important piece of the course. The class is dedicated to discussion, structured debate, collaborative work, and other activities. Multiple absences will affect comprehension of the material and is likely to negatively impact a student's grade.
- Commit to individual study time each week. Study times will vary, but being self-motivated at home is a crucial component in being successful in an AP course.
- Discuss & share material relevant to the course in a collegial manner.
- Openly accept assignments, suggestions, & coaching from the teacher, and be proactive in seeking support.
- Maintain academic integrity.
- Acknowledge that certain AP courses may necessitate work over school holidays and breaks. Due to this, students will be required to complete this work by the established deadlines.

- Complete any course summer assignments and meet with the teacher during established times. All summer work will be graded and assessed a late penalty if not completed by the set deadlines. (see course specific summer work addendum for each AP course)
- Students may be given an assessment during the first full week of school correlating to their summer work, and no exceptions will be made for enrolled students who fail to complete the assigned summer work.
- Accept that enrollment in an AP course does not guarantee an A or B grade.
- Provide a copy of this signed contract to your AP Teacher for each of your AP courses by the last day of classes the previous year, or by the date requested by your teachers. Failure to do so may result in removal from the AP courses requested.
- Comply with any amendments to these expectations that their AP teacher chooses to implement as stated on the course syllabus and Jumpstart Addendum.
- Attend the in-person AP Course class session at Mercy on September 6th or 7th. This is a required class for all AP courses with attendance being recorded. The exact date will be determined once the 2022-2023 schedules are finalized.
 - **September 7th:**
 - Period 2: 8:00-9:25AM
 - Period 4: 9:30-10:55AM
 - Period 6/6L: 11:00-12:25PM
 - Period 8/8L: 12:30-1:55PM
 - **September 8th:**
 - Period 3: 8:00-9:25AM
 - Period 5: 9:30-10:55AM
 - Period 7/7L: 11:00-12:25PM
 - Period 9/9L: 12:30-1:55PM
- Acknowledge that an AP course that is dropped after the first cycle of classes will result in a withdrawal noted on the student transcript, either with a WP (withdrawal pass) or WF (withdrawal fail). By withdrawing, a student may not be able to be placed in her alternative class choice and her schedule may require other courses and periods to be changed to accommodate scheduling of all required courses and class availability.

AP Summer Assignments and Jumpstart

AP courses offer students college-level work while in high school. The College Board has created course guides that may include prerequisites, extended reading, or learning beyond the scope of the school-day curriculum. To support the learning frameworks and completion of the material prior to the exam, many AP courses **require** students to complete a summer assignment and/or attend mandatory summer sessions. The type and scope of the assignments and sessions will vary by course. All assignments are tightly aligned to the learning outcomes and intended to further support the student in the course.

Please carefully review the summer requirements your courses have and follow the guidelines and requirements set forth by each teacher. See course specific summer work addendum for each AP course enrolled in.

AP Student Contract

In order for students to take AP classes, all AP students are required to turn in their contracts to their AP teachers for each AP course they will take.

By registering for an AP course, I am making a commitment for the entire length of the course. I understand that if I request multiple AP courses, I am making a commitment to undertake a challenging academic schedule.

I understand that these courses are very challenging and require a serious commitment from me, including attendance at summer sessions and completion of assignments over breaks, including the summer. AP supports are available and I am encouraged and expected to access these supports. I have read and understand the conditions of the AP Contract.

Course Title _____

Teacher Name _____

Teacher Email Address _____

Student Name (PRINT) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____



Summer Jumpstart Addendum

The following are mandatory summer requirements for: _____

Google Classroom Join Code: _____

Students in an AP Course that requires the completion of a summer Jumpstart are required to:

- Accept the Google Classroom invite or use the join code posted above to join the class Google Classroom for the AP course enrolled in prior to summer break and check the Classroom and school emails weekly.
- Review the course syllabus posted in Google Classroom.
- Attend the following three monthly synchronous check in sessions via the Google Meet link provided in the class Google Classroom. In the event of an unavoidable absence, the student will notify the teacher at least 48 hours in advance and will be assigned an alternative formative assessment in addition to the monthly assignment.
 - July _____ at _____
 - July _____ at _____
 - August _____ at _____ **(must be prior to the start of OLM athletics on August 20th)**
- Complete at least three formative assessments by the monthly deadlines stated in Google Classroom. Each assignment will be reviewed by the teacher, and students will be provided feedback by their teacher on each of these three assignments within one week of the submission deadlines. These assignments will be part of the first quarter grade.
- Proactively check in with the teacher if additional support is needed.
- Complete a summative assessment on the assigned summer work during the first full week of school, which will evaluate your level of understanding and will be the course's first summative assessment in Gradebook.

Additional course specific Jumpstart requirements:

I acknowledge the above stated summer course requirements and will adhere to the requirements set forth. I understand that failure to follow the requirements may result in the reduction of an assignment grade in accordance with Mercy's late work policy and my lack of content knowledge necessary to succeed to my fullest potential in this course.

Student Name (PRINT) _____

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____

Date_____