



Manatee High School College Preparatory Academy

The goal of the College Preparatory Academy is to prepare students for the rigor of post-secondary education at the college or university of their choice. Completion of the College Preparatory curriculum will give students the analytical, communication and research skills to be successful in college and ultimately achieve their career goals. The College Preparatory Academy reinforces Manatee High's commitment to excellence by increasing the student's potential to earn college credit while in high school. This program offers the academically talented student an opportunity to pursue a challenging, in-depth liberal arts education beginning in the 9th grade and continuing through the 12th grade. Students may apply to College Preparatory Academy before the beginning of their 9th or 10th grade years.

Acceptance Criteria for 9th and 10th Grades

1. Earn semester grades of A's or B's in all academic courses: English, Math, Science, & Social Studies
2. Earn at least a 4 on Reading and Math state assessments (at least a 3 on Geometry)
3. Earn at least a 3 on the Science or Biology state assessment
4. Participation in at least one honors high school credit class the year before acceptance
5. Acceptable behavior
6. Signed letter of commitment to remain in all 4 academy classes the entire year

Advantages of the MHS College Preparatory Academy

- Preparation for college through a rigorous academic program.
- Development of problem-solving, analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Development of communication and research skills.
- Flexibility in course selection.
- Potential college credit through Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment courses.
- PSAT, SAT, and ACT preparation.
- Workshops offered to help with college application (essay and resume writing, interview skills, etc.)

To be recognized as an MHS College Preparatory Completer at graduation, a student must:

- Complete a minimum of 6 AP and/or dual enrollment courses on Manatee High School campus
 - You must complete AP Seminar and AP Research.
 - Online courses do not count toward this requirement.
 - **At least 2 AP/DE courses must be taken on campus during both Junior and Senior years.*
- Earn a minimum unweighted B average in CPA and/or AP courses each year with no D's for semester grades
- Complete at least 2 consecutive years of a foreign language
- Exhibit acceptable behavior each year
- Display proficiency on all state assessments each year
- Pass at least one AP exam prior to senior year
- Take the PSAT during 9th, 10th, and 11th grades
- Complete at least 75 community service hours
- Earn at least an 1170 SAT or 26 ACT scores

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College Preparatory Academy Core Curriculum

Grades 9 and 10

During 9th and 10th grades, students will be expected to enroll in the prescribed College Preparatory courses in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. These courses are designed to prepare students to be successful in AP and dual enrollment courses by developing analytical and critical thinking skills. Below is the course selection for each grade level.

	Grade 9	Grade 10
English	Honors: English 1 or World Literature	Honors: English 2 or American Literature
Math	Honors: Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2	Honors: Geometry, Algebra 2, other
Science	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry
History	AP Human Geography	Honors or AP World History AP Seminar

*Students are strongly recommended to work on their foreign language requirement during these years.

Grades 11 and 12

During 11th and 12th grades, students are encouraged to continue challenging themselves by registering for rigorous courses. However, they will have the freedom to choose AP/Dual Enrollment classes that they are most interested in. *It is required that students enroll in at least 2 AP and/or Dual Enrollment classes on campus during each of these years. 12th grade students must take AP Research.*

Language Arts

AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
ENC 1101/1102

Science

AP Biology*
AP Environmental Science*
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1*
AP Physics 2

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
MAC 1105/STA 2023
MAC 1147

Social Studies

AP European History*
AP American Government
AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics
AP Psychology
AP US History
AP World History*
AMH 1010/1020

Electives

AP Studio Art
AP Drawing
AP Music Theory
AP Spanish Language
AP French Language
AP Seminar*
AP Research

*These courses are also available to 10th grade students meeting the prerequisites.

AP Capstone Diploma

All MHS College Preparatory completers will be required to take two AP Capstone courses. AP Capstone™ is a diploma program based on two AP courses: **AP Seminar** and **AP Research**. These yearlong courses focus on developing the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills you need for college-level work.

- If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.
- If you earn scores of 3 or higher in A Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.