




# 2021 AP<sup>®</sup> Exam Formats

EXAMS	EXAM INFORMATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Language</li> <li>• German Language</li> <li>• Italian Language</li> <li>• Spanish Language</li> <li>• Spanish Literature</li> <li>• Latin</li> <li>• Music Theory</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school ONLY in Administrations 1, 2, and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil (including reading, listening, writing, and speaking tasks), traditional format ONLY.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No different from the 2019 versions of these exams.</li> </ul> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese Language</li> <li>• Japanese Language</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school only in Administrations 1, 2, and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a digital, computer-based format ONLY.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No different from the 2019 versions of these exams.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparative Government</li> <li>• Computer Science A</li> <li>• English Literature</li> <li>• Human Geography</li> <li>• Psychology</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sections and content are no different from the 2019 versions of these exams.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Language</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the digital exams, the order of both the multiple-choice, and free-response questions will be different from that of the paper-and-pencil exam.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Government</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the digital exams, the Supreme Court Comparison question on the free-response section will be structured differently on the paper-and-pencil AP Exam.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art History</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the digital exams, the order of some of the free-response questions will be different from that of the paper-and-pencil exams.</li> <li>• On the digital exams, works of art will not be identified and students will not be asked to provide identifying information for works of art provided.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Science</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the digital exam, some changes have been made to the formatting of both the multiple-choice and free-response questions.</li> <li>• Four-function calculator is allowed on both versions of the exam.</li> <li>• All free-response answers on the digital exam, INCLUDING calculations, must be typed.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art and Design</li> <li>• Capstone</li> <li>• Computer Science Principles</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The end-of course digital exam for AP Seminar will be scored on a modified rubric.</li> <li>• The digital submission deadline for the performance tasks has been extended to Thursday, May 20, 2021, 11:59 PM ET.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macroeconomics</li> <li>• Microeconomics</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The digital exams will allow for calculators, unlike the paper-and-pencil exams. The free-response questions will also be presented in a different order.</li> <li>• On the digital exam, students will answer free-response questions typed on a keyboard, rather than by hand. Digital exams will not require any graph drawing. These skills will be assessed with questions about given diagrams.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the digital exam, students will answer free-response questions with a keyboard, rather than by hand. Digital exams will not require any graph or diagram drawing. These skills will be assessed with questions about given diagrams.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European History</li> <li>• U.S. History</li> <li>• World History</li> </ul> 	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administration 1, and at home or in school in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administration 1, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administrations 2 and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The paper-and-pencil version of these exams will take the same format as the traditional, 2019 version of the exam.</li> <li>• The digital exams will take the same format as the paper-and-pencil exams, with the following exceptions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ <b>Section 1B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be given three SAQs: 1 primary source, 1 map source, and 1 primary source image. Students will be required to answer all of these questions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◊ <b>Section 2B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instead of an LEQ, students will be given two SAQs: 1 data set source, and 1 secondary source text. Students will be required to answer both questions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus AB</li> <li>• Calculus BC</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administrations 1 and 2, and at home or in school in Administration 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administrations 1 and 2, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administration 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The digital exams will allow for calculator usage throughout the exam.</li> <li>• On the digital exam, free-response questions will be adapted to include answers that can be easily typed with a computer keyboard and will not require complex mathematical expressions or drawing graphs. The digital exam platform will include any symbols needed to type responses.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> </ul> 	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administrations 1 and 2, and at home or in school in Administration 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administrations 1 and 2, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administration 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 1 of the digital exams will not include questions for which a calculator would be of advantage to students.</li> <li>• The digital exam will have more multiple-choice questions than the paper exams. The digital exams will have a second, 60-minute multiple-choice section with 40 questions.</li> <li>• The free-response section of the digital exams will have fewer questions than the paper exams. On the digital exam, students will have 45 minutes to answer 2 short questions and 1 long question.</li> <li>• On the digital exams, free-response questions will be adapted to include answers that can be easily typed with a computer keyboard; the digital exam platform will include any symbols needed to type responses.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics 1*</li> <li>• Physics 2</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administrations 1 and 2, and at home or in school in Administration 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pen traditional format in Administrations 1 and 2, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administration 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The digital exams will have more multiple-choice questions than the paper exams. The digital exams will have a second, 45-minute multiple-choice section with 25 questions.</li> <li>• The free-response section of the digital exams will have fewer questions than the paper exams. On the digital exams, students will have 45 minutes to answer questions: a <b>Qualitative/Quantitative Transition</b>, and a <b>Short Answer: Paragraph Argument</b>.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics C: Electricity &amp; Magnetism</li> <li>• Physics C: Mechanics</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHERE &amp; HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered in person, at school in Administrations 1 and 2, and at home or in school in Administration 3.</li> <li>• Offered in a paper-and-pencil traditional format in Administrations 1 and 2, and in a digital, computer-based format in Administration 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>DIFFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The digital exams will have no free-response sections. Instead, they will consist of 2 multiple-choice sections, each lasting 45 minutes with 35 questions each.</li> </ul>

\*Every 2021 AP Exam will test students on the full curriculum of their course, except for the Physics 1 exam, which will only cover Units 1-7 for both the paper and digital exams.