

2016-2017 AP/Honors Course Intent Form

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Below are the Honors/AP courses and the specific course prerequisites. Please place a check by the course(s) for which you are interested. **Since specific course offerings (and the entire school's schedule) are affected by student requests during registration, completion of this Intent Form COMMITS your choice to this class if it is available to you; course changes will NOT be considered next year unless this course conflicts with the time of another application-required course.**

Students will be ranked with a criteria based system that exists in the event that Tuscola is unable to have enough sections or slots to accommodate all interested students.

Course Name	Pre-requisite	Student Choice	Course Name	Pre-requisite	Student Choice
Honors English I	90 or > in 8 th grade ELA and approved placement criteria		Honors World History	85 or > in all previous social studies	
Honors English II	85 or > in Honors English I and teacher rec or 90 or > in English I		Honors Civics & Economics	85 or > in all previous social studies	
Honors English III	85 or > in Honors English II and teacher rec or 90 or > in English II		Honors American History I	85 or > in all previous social studies	
Honors English IV	85 or > in Honors English III and teacher rec or 90 or > in English III		Honors American History II	85 or > in all previous social studies	
AP English III	85 or > in Honors English II or 90 > in all previous English courses		Honors Appalachian Studies	85 or > in all previous social studies	
AP English IV	85 or > in Honors English III or 90 > in all previous English courses		AP US History	85 or > in all previous social studies	
Honors Math II	85 or > in previous course		Honors Earth & Environmental Science	90 or > in previous science, 85 or > in Math I	
Honors Math III	85 or > in previous course		Honors Biology	85 or > in EES and a physical science or 75 or > Math I	
Honors Discrete	85 or > in Math III or 80 or > in Honors Pre-calculus		Honors Biology II	85 or > in Honors Biology and 85 or > in Chemistry	
Honors Pre-Calculus	85 or > in Math III or in Adv. Functions & Modeling		Honors Chemistry II	75 or > in Chemistry and 85 or > in Math III	
AP Statistics	85 or > in Pre-Calculus or Honors Math III		Honors Physics	85 or > in all previous honors level sciences	
AP Calculus	85 or > in Pre-Calculus		AP Environmental Science	85 or > in all previous sciences in 3 science sequence	
Honors French III	75 or > in French II and teacher recommendation		AP Biology	Honors Biology and 85 or > in Chemistry	
Honors French IV	Successful Completion of Honors French III				
Honors Spanish III	75 or > in Spanish II and teacher recommendation				
Honors Spanish IV	Successful Completion of Honors Spanish III				

Honors / AP Course Policies:

- Honors or Advanced Courses will have more independent work (including more homework) and higher expectations regarding quality of student work. Consequently, final grades for honors or advanced courses are "weighted" an additional one-half point towards the student's total grade point average.
- Advanced Placement Courses could potentially earn a student college credit. Consequently, the level of independent work and expectations are even higher. Final grades for AP courses are "weighted" an additional point toward the student's total grade point average.
- Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be required to take the AP Exam at the end of the course. Scores range from 1 to 5; colleges independently decide whether or not to award credit (and how much) based on the specific course and the exam grade. Students can usually find the university's AP credit policy on the university's website.
- Some honors/advanced or AP courses (including all English courses) will require summer reading and/or writing to better prepare them for the course. It is the student's responsibility to make sure s/he has the assignment before leaving school for break, understands the summer assignment, and completes the summer assignment. **Failure to complete any summer assignment will NOT allow the student to drop the course when s/he returns to school.**
- Completion of this application COMMITTS the student's choice to this class if it is available: S/he will not be allowed to change courses when school resumes this fall. Class sizes in OTHER courses in this department can be adversely affected if students commit to an honors/advanced or AP class and then try to change classes after school begins. PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR CHOICES VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS INTENT FORM.
- If the student is unable to maintain the prerequisite expectations for the remainder of this school year, s/he will not be allowed to take the honors/AP course in the upcoming school year. (The rest of the school year does count!)
- Academic integrity is an absolute expectation of all students at Tuscola High School. Students who plagiarize (i.e. use another person's words OR ideas as their own without correctly documenting credit) will receive a 0 on that assignment and a parent will be contacted. A subsequent offense will result in the student losing eligibility for future AP and honors courses. In addition, college / university applications frequently inquire about the applicant's high school discipline record, and school officials will be required to report cheating or plagiarism. Students are expected to always turn in their own best work. If a student has ANY questions about how to document researched material, s/he should consult his/her teacher.

Student and Parent/Guardian: Please read the guidelines for honors/advanced or Advanced Placement courses above, then sign below if you are committed to this course or courses. We want students to have as many opportunities as possible to expand their educational experience at Tuscola, but it is imperative that families give these decisions careful thought and consideration!

I have read and understand the expectations of honors/advanced courses offered at Tuscola High School and my commitment to this courses or courses.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____
