

### Comparison of Advance College Project (ACP) & Advanced Placement (AP)

The basic difference between ACP & AP courses is that ACP courses are college courses while AP are college-level courses designed to prepare students to take an examination. Since students can take the AP examination after taking an ACP course, the ACP courses serve well both those students who can score highly on AP & those who could not but who would earn a passable grade for regular college credit.

	<b>Advance College Project</b>	<b>Advanced Placement</b>
<b>Teacher Support</b>	Training seminar with University Professor at no expense to teacher	Workshop taught by college professor: workshop fee charged due to Educational Testing Service
	Annual professional development seminars at no expense to teacher	None
	Teacher appointed Adjunct Lecturer at IU	None
	Classroom visit from IU faculty every time the course is taught	None
	Book allowance for teacher professional materials	None
<b>School Support</b>	Direct connection to Indiana University	None
	Professional development opportunities for non-ACP faculty & staff in the school	None
	Clearinghouse for information about university, state level, & national level issues	None
	Guarantee of program quality through national accreditation of NACEP	Student test scores validate student ability; no validation for program as a whole
<b>Parent &amp; Student Support</b>	Assist via 800-number on transfer issues, bursar, campus visits, email access, computer learning environment supports, etc.	None
<b>Type of course</b>	University course, listed in official bulletin	Curriculum suggested, no specific syllabus required
	Accredited by University Academic Departments	Accredited by test score (4 or 5 generally needed for credit acceptance)
<b>Credit Earned</b>	Credit appears on official IU transcript	No college transcript
	Grade of "C" counts towards all degrees & meets most distributional requirements	Score of 4 or 5 needed for exemption or credit *
	Transferable to most of the 2500 colleges in U.S. (95% ACP students successful in transfer; about 60% ACP students do not attend IU); requires a "C" or higher for transfer	Transferable to some schools that won't take dual credit (Harvard, Notre Dame, Wabash, etc.); a 4 or 5 score required at most colleges & universities (some private schools beginning to reject AP credit)
<b>Type of student</b>	Top half of graduating class; any student who can be expected to earn at least a "C" in the course.	Any student who takes an AP course; suited for students in top 5-10% of the class.
<b>Cost to student</b>	Student fees are \$83.30 per credit hour (compared to more than \$179 flat rate on IUB campus 2003-04).	State pays for some AP examinations; others are \$70 or more per exam.
<b>Cost to teacher</b>	None	AP workshop fee, unless school pays for that
<b>Cost to school</b>	One day's substitute pay for teachers attending the annual seminars in composition, literature, calculus, chemistry, physics, & American history	None, unless school elects to pay teacher AP workshop fees

\* As a nationally normed test, AP does not provide credit for about 60% of all students who take the exam.