

# BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## Advanced Placement

The AP program is based on the premise that college-level material can be taught successfully to academically able and well-prepared secondary school students. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered to prepare students for the AP examination in the spring. Students who enroll in an AP course are required to pay for and to take the examination in May. Participating colleges, in turn, may grant credit and/or appropriate placement to students who have done well on the AP examinations. Our school's teachers who instruct these courses are trained and know what is expected in order for students to succeed in the class and on the examinations. Therefore, the classes are fast paced, demanding, and focused. ***Students who are not prepared to work on a college level should not enroll in these classes.*** Some students may be offered the opportunity to participate in AP classes online as part of the Virtual High School program. ***Students who register for an AP class are required to sign an AP Commitment Letter.***

AP courses are taught at the college level. The major difference between a regular/honors high school course and a college-level course is the greater amount of reading and the depth of focus that is found in the college-level course. Moreover, the AP curriculum demands higher-order thinking skills within a rigorous academic context. Thus, students are frequently required to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate in addition to comprehending, memorizing, and applying facts. The overall purpose of this course, however, extends beyond the possibility of earning college credit by providing students the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge that will form a foundation for their continuing educational endeavors. (College Board)

## Dual Credit

The Dual Credit Program is offered by Berks Catholic High School through Alvernia University and RACC\*\*. Students enroll in classes taught at Berks Catholic **and then they may choose** to register for the Dual Credit Option. Information will be provided to students in April. Upon successful completion of the class(es), students will be awarded college credit from Alvernia University or RACC. Students **must** receive a grade of 77 or better. Dual Credit classes at Berks Catholic are approved by the appropriate academic departments at Alvernia and RACC as being comparable to the same class offered on the college campus. ***The credits are offered for a nominal fee and are transferable\****. Here are the classes ***tentatively*** offered and corresponding credits:

### Alvernia Dual Credit Classes:

Biology II-Honors	4 Credits	US Government/Politics AP	3 Credit
AP	4 Credits	AP/Honors Physics	4 Credits
AP English (12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	3 Credits	Statistics-Honors or AP	4 Credits
		Calculus-Honors or	

### RACC Dual Credit Classes:

AP/Honors Calculus	4 Credits	AP/Honors Statistics	3 Credits
Pre-Calculus	3 Credits	AP US Government	3 Credits
AP/Honors Physics	4 Credits	AP US History	6 Credits

***\*Should a receiving college not accept the credits, the colleges will NOT refund the tuition for classes.***

***\*\* Registration for these classes will take place in mid-April through June.***

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