

York Memorial Collegiate Institute

Advanced Placement (AP)

CHOOSE AP

Research by the College Board found that students across the world who took AP in high school had significantly and consistently better four-year graduation rates in college and university than those who did not take an AP course.

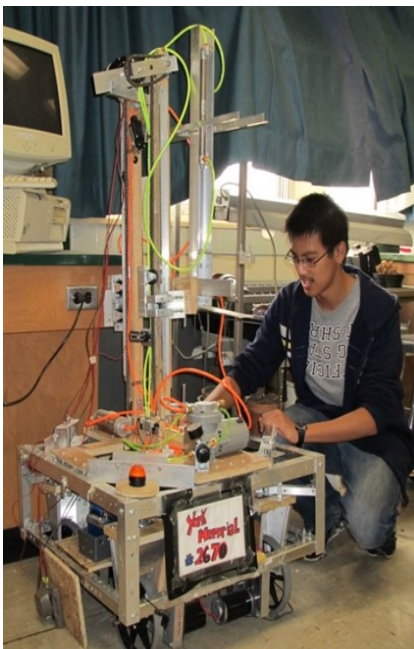
York Memorial's AP students continue to do exceptionally well academically and socially. Last year, YMCI had 8 National Scholars and saw many others qualify for a variety of AP Awards. These accomplishments have helped place YMCI among the highest achieving schools in all of Ontario. In May of 2015, YMCI was selected as only one of 6 schools in **all of CANADA** to offer the prestigious **AP Capstone Diploma Program**.



REACH HIGHER

Advanced Placement courses often come with a *common misconception*—that they are only available to high achieving students. The reality is that any student can enroll in an AP course. Since AP is geared towards preparing students for college and university, all students interested in attending a college or university should really consider taking an AP course. However, students must decide on whether or not their schedules can accommodate the rigorous amount of time and dedication needed to take an AP course.

Last May, YMCI students wrote close to 100 exams that scored well enough to earn first year university credits anywhere in North America!



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AP COURSES AT YORK MEMORIAL CI

- AP Capstone Diploma (Seminar + Research)
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- English Language
- English Literature
- Economics (Micro)
- French Language
- Human Geography
- Physics 1 + 2
- Psychology
- Statistics
- World History



SUCCESS IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Passion and Hard Work

A College Board study has demonstrated that the key reason for success in AP courses is **motivation**. Teacher recommendation, previous grades, and GPA are helpful, but not as important as a student's desire to do well in a subject truly interesting to them. Choose courses dealing with subject matter that you are passionate about and you will do just fine.

At York Memorial, we have had many students over the years who discovered an interest in an AP course and then soared academically.

GOAL OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The goal of the Advanced Placement program at York Memorial CI is to create knowledgeable, ethical students of the highest standard. The Advanced Placement student possesses intellectual curiosity, tenacity, and decency. Advanced Placement classes encourage thoughtful discourse and rigorous inquiry while fostering empathy and a spirit of understanding.

Our program seeks to create thoughtful, reflective persons who will enter society as leaders with a concern for others and a deep interest in their world.



WHY TAKE AP COURSES?

- AP students develop skills required by elite universities.
- AP exams are externally set and graded, making both teacher and the student accountable for the results.
- AP courses and credits are accepted by universities worldwide.
- AP courses develop confident and independent learners.
- Students earn university credit and the opportunity to enter upper-level courses while in first year.
- Many universities consider applications from AP students separately from those of non-AP students.
- Universities prefer students who have attempted AP exams regardless of the mark to those who made no such attempt.
- AP exams are an excellent gauge of a student's **“university readiness.”**
- AP courses are identified as such on the student's university application.
- Students may win several prestigious distinctions including AP Scholar awards.
- We are one of the only high schools in Ontario to offer **R.U.S.H. (Road to University Success with Honours)** in Grade 9 Pre-AP.



AP Teachers

Mr. M. Harding
(ACL of RUSH/AP)

Mr. J. Pereira
(Calculus/Physics)

Ms. M. Barnes
(Statistics)

Ms. Saylor
(Human Geography)

Ms. Kalyvitis
(Human Geography)

Ms. Loumanis
(Biology)

Mr. Gray
(English/History)

Mr. F. Charles
(Chem/Physics)

Mr. J. Makuikila
(French)

Mr. Diakouloukas
(Computer Science)

Mr. C. Sciortino
(Economics)

Mr. Harding
(English Language,
(Psychology/English
Language and
Capstone)



WHAT IS R.U.S.H?

- The **R.U.S.H. (Roadmap to University Success with Honours)** Program offers a rich and challenging curriculum with the specific aim of preparing students for university through a combination of disciplined study, independent and group research, enhanced curriculum and creative projects.
- Our experience is that R.U.S.H. students with **Pre-AP (enrichment)** experiences in Grades 9 to 11 will enroll in our AP (Advanced Placement) courses in their senior years.
- These internationally recognized courses offer students the opportunity to undertake first-year university studies while still in high school and to gain credit (upon successful completion of their AP exams) at most universities worldwide in addition to every single university in Ontario.



AP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

York Memorial AP students have won multiple scholarships to Ivy League universities in the United States, and have gone on to study at Oxford, Cambridge, and M.I.T. in addition to almost all universities here in Ontario.

York Memorial had the greatest number of AP National Scholars of *any* school in Ontario in 2010 and then has continued to be a provincial leader in many AP categories.

York Memorial AP students compete in and win at major national and international academic events.

York Memorial AP courses are open to any York Memorial student. We are proud to have graduates who are now doctors, lawyers, academics, musicians, soldiers, equity fund managers, and teachers.



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