

AP[®] Biology

Clarifications and Corrections

About the Advanced Placement Program[®] (AP[®])

The Advanced Placement Program[®] has enabled millions of students to take college-level courses and earn college credit, advanced placement, or both, while still in high school. AP Exams are given each year in May. Students who earn a qualifying score on an AP Exam are typically eligible, in college, to receive credit, placement into advanced courses, or both. Every aspect of AP course and exam development is the result of collaboration between AP teachers and college faculty. They work together to develop AP courses and exams, set scoring standards, and score the exams. College faculty review every AP teacher's course syllabus. We commit to support educators and communities in their efforts to make AP courses widely available, advancing students in their plans for college and careers.

Course and Exam Description Clarifications and Corrections

Implemented as of June 2025

- In the Course and Exam Description front matter, the "About AP" section was updated to include career preparation alongside college preparation as anchors of the AP Program. The Advanced Placement Program is committed to expanding the invitation to students to challenge themselves with college-level coursework and career preparation.
- Throughout the Course and Exam Description, the title of Free-response Question 5 was corrected to: "Analyze Model or Visual Representation of a Biological Concept or Process."
- In the "Exam Information" section (pp. 195-225), one Free-response Question was added (FRQ 2) and one Free-response Question was replaced (FRQ 5). Scoring Guidelines for these two questions were also included.
- Minor formatting and typographical corrections were made to the Sample Exam Questions and associated Scoring Guidelines found in the "Exam Information" section (pp. 195-225) to improve clarity and consistency.

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- Many resources currently linked in the "Available Resources" callouts in the Course and Exam Description (CED) have been moved from AP Central to AP Classroom or the Online Teacher Community with some older, non-aligned resources removed. The URLs in the CEDs point to AP Central and are thus inoperable. These references in the published CEDs have been updated to direct teachers to the new locations where resources are now hosted.
- In June of 2026, the Course and Exam Description was updated to reflect revised language around the Progress Checks that appear in AP Classroom.