**The AP Capstone® Diploma Program:**

*Is it right for you?*

In **AP Seminar**, you will learn how to:

* Create well-reasoned, evidence-backed arguments
* Support your argument with credible, academic evidence is a must
* Collaborate with peers to produce comprehensive products
* Practice designing and presenting in front of your peers

In **AP Research**, you can:

* Pursue your passion by picking any topic that interests you and spend your class time learning about it
* Get a head start on your intended college major by beginning academic inquiry while still in high school
* Work one-on-one with an instructor who will support you through the research process
* Compete in academic competitions to earn recognition, awards, and academic distinctions

**AP Capstone®** will help you at Wiregrass Ranch High School by:

* Giving you the opportunity to explore topics that you are passionate about and interested in
* Providing your GPA with the much desired AP Course boost
* Providing your transcript with the all-important rigor that colleges require
* Teaching you the critical thinking skills that are foundational to all other AP classes offered on campus

**AP Capstone®** will help you in college by:

* Demonstrating rigor on your college application, which makes your application more attractive
* Improving your college essays, because you will know how to write persuasively and at the college level
* Providing you with a portfolio that can open doors for Honors Thesis research work, which is a necessary component of admission into
* Making your freshman classes easier, since you already have the writing skills necessary to succeed

**The 4 Biggest Myths about AP Capstone®**

***Myth #1: It doesn’t count for anything in college.***

Let’s take a look at some Florida colleges and the credits they offer for AP Capstone®:

1. Florida State: Seminar (FSU \*\*\*\*), Research (FSU \*\*\*\*)
2. University of Florida: Seminar (IDS 0301), Research (ISS 0301)
3. University of Central Florida: Seminar (IDS 1350), Research (IDS 1911)
4. Florida Atlantic: Seminar (IDS 1350), Research (IDS \*\*\*\*)
5. University of North Florida: Seminar (IDS 1350), Research (IDS 1000)
6. Florida Gulf Coast: Seminar (IDS 1\*\*\*), Research (IDS 1\*\*\*)
7. PHSC: Seminar (IDS 1999), Research (IDS 1999)
8. St. Pete College: Seminar (IDS 1999), Research (REA 1105)
9. University of South Florida and all above courses marked

\*\*\*\*: courses are awarded credit by the department in which the research was conducted

***Myth #2: It is too hard and therefore will hurt my GPA.***

Most students maintain an A average because they come to class every day and they do all of their work during class. Class time is spent working with partners and in small groups and there are no tests or quizzes.

***Myth #3: It is hard to get into the program.***

You must complete an application during course registration – included with that application must be a teacher recommendations and a brief essay. You must have no prior serious discipline offenses and an excellent attendance record. If you meet those criteria, then chances are very good that you’d be selected!

***Myth #4: It is too much work.***

Ample time is given in class to complete all course components. There is very little outside work—unless you don’t finish something in class—so it will not get in the way of your extracurricular activities.