



Social Studies and English Degrees and Career Choices



What are APs?

- AP (or Advanced Placement) courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Excellent results on the AP Exams may:
 - Allow student to earn college credit without paying tuition (U.S.)
 - Qualify student for more advanced classes in college
 - Qualify student to skip foundation program (UK)
- ASM currently offers 11 AP courses
- Students may prepare independently for any APs not offered by school
- All graduating students take at least 2 AP classes, and some will have taken up to 8 APs (+ any taken independently) prior to graduation



What APs can you take?

ASM offers 11 APs:

- Calculus AB
- Comparative Government and Politics
- European History
- French Language and Culture
- Human Geography
- Language and Composition
- Literature and Composition
- Physics 1
- Psychology
- Statistics
- U.S. Government and Politics

APs you can take independently:

- German Language and Culture
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Italian Language and Culture
- Environmental Science
- Computer Science Principles/Computer Science A
- Micro and Macro Economics
- World History
- US History
- Calculus BC
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics 2/Physics C



Social Science Degrees and Relevant APs

SOCIAL STUDIES-RELATED DEGREE CHOICES INCLUDE:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Political Science
- International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

RELEVANT APs:

Any subject-specific APs related to a particular major: European or U.S. History for History majors, Psychology for Psychology majors, Microeconomics or Macroeconomics for Economics majors plus any English and Math APs that demonstrate strong English and math skills



What skills will I gain from earning a Social Science degree?

- analytical ability
- communication skills, verbal and in written reports
- data collection, analysis and interpretation
- numeracy and statistics
- problem-solving
- project management
- quantitative and qualitative research
- teamwork



Potential Career Paths with a Social Science degree

- Diplomat – represent your government to other countries
- Foreign Aid Worker – work on the front lines during natural disasters or crises
- Psychologist – help clients work through mental health issues
- Lawyer – defend the weak from injustice
- Archeologist – study bones and old ceramic pieces
- History Teacher – share your love of history with students
- Campaign Manager – manage the political campaign of your favorite candidate
- Cartographer – make maps of bus routes, new neighborhoods and the world
- Forensic Anthropologist – identify skeletal, or otherwise decomposed, human remains
- Entrepreneur – discover the next “hot” idea and sell it to everyone
- Human Resources Manager – hire new employees
- Financial Analyst - research investments, mergers/acquisitions, and stocks/bonds



English Degrees and Relevant APs

ENGLISH-RELATED DEGREE CHOICES INCLUDE:

- Journalism
- English Literature
- Linguistics
- Education
- Creative Writing
- Law
- Advertising
- Communications
- Language Interpretation and Translation
- Film Studies

RELEVANT APs:

Any subject-specific APs related to a particular major: English Literature and Composition and History (various) for English Lit majors, plus any additional APs that demonstrate strong language and writing skills



What skills will I gain from earning a English-related degree?

- **time management**
- **communication skills, especially written**
- **critical thinking**
- **argumentation**
- **grammar and spelling**
- **presentation skills**
- **accepting of constructive criticism**
- **investigative skills**



Potential Career Paths with an English-related degree

- ESL Teacher – travel the world (or stay at home) teaching English
- Journalist – cover local, national or international news for magazines, newspapers or television
- Blogger – share your expertise with online followers
- Advertising Copywriter – write print ads, online ads, brochures, or commercial scripts
- PR Specialist - manage the flow of information to cultivate a prosperous public image for your client
- Digital Editor – edit e-books, electronic journals, online magazines and online news sites
- Technical Writer – analyze complex info and turn it into instructions that other people can understand
- Interpreter – provide oral translation between speakers of different languages



Bachelor's vs Master's Degrees

A master's degree is an advanced degree that you undertake anytime after you have completed your bachelor's. In most cases you can work at the same time while studying for your master's.

Having a master's increases your employability, your salary and accelerates your career in the field you are currently in.

Master's degrees are self-directed courses of study with a major research component.

You will need a 2.1 or higher (UK) [Grade B and above (US)] to apply for a master's.

Most people undertake a master's in a field related to their bachelor's degree **but** you can choose to study a master's not related if you demonstrate aptitude and enthusiasm for the specific subject. This will come across in your personal statement when applying for the master's.



What am I going to study? What am I going to do with the rest of my life?

It's important to match skills and personality to degree programs and job choices. How?

- Take a variety of courses, including electives in areas that interest you – both during high school and college/university
- Take assessments to determine best fit and give you ideas of things that may interest you or be worth exploring further
- Participate in volunteer work or internships related to interests
- Attend a summer program at a university
- Read (books, online articles, etc.) about fields of interest
- Talk to people working in fields that you might wish to learn more about
- Attend career/university sessions sponsored by the College Counseling Dept.
- Set up meetings with your college counselors

It's not unusual to work in a job that doesn't correspond to the degree you earned, so it's good to develop a range of transferable skills (writing, public speaking, analytical ability, etc.) that you can bring to any future job!