

Dear Margaret Shuman:

The College Board is pleased to announce that your English Language and Composition course syllabus is authorized to use the AP designation for the 2016 - 2017 academic year. The College Board applauds and recognizes your efforts to provide your students with the academic rigor and college-level experience that is the promise of AP. I thank you for the time and effort you put into participating in the AP Course Audit.

What Does Authorization Mean?

The authorization of your syllabus is an official recognition by the College Board that it meets or exceeds the expectations colleges and universities have for your AP subject. Your syllabus was reviewed by experienced college and university faculty, who have confirmed that it outlines how you provide a college-level learning experience for your students. This authorization grants you permission to use the "AP" designation on your students' transcripts in association with the authorized course.

Renewing Your Authorization

Once your course has been authorized, you do not need to resubmit the syllabus unless the College Board significantly revises the AP course. When the 2017 - 2018 school year becomes available, you may be able to extend your authorization status through 2017 - 2018.

We understand that you may need to modify or adapt your syllabus or course plan to address the needs of your students, reflect new discoveries, and try out new approaches. You do not need to resubmit your syllabus when you modify it, as long as you are not changing your course so significantly as to eliminate from your curriculum one or more of the curricular requirements on the AP Course Audit form.

Thank you for all that you do to provide your students with a rigorous, college-level experience. The College Board appreciates your efforts to prepare students for college success.

Sincerely,



Trevor Packer
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