Red Mountain High School is one of three institutions in the state of Arizona offering AP Capstone, an innovative diploma program that engages students in scholarly practice of the core academic skills necessary for successful college completion.

AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two courses, AP Seminar & AP Research, and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study provided through AP courses. It cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions.

The program will develop research, argumentation, and communication skills and enable you to prepare for college and your professional life. Both the AP Seminar and AP Research courses offer a unique opportunity to distinguish yourself to colleges and universities: You will be able to discuss your experience on applications, and set yourself apart from others.

For more information, visit: http://www.mpsaz.org/rmhs/staff/
AP Seminar

(Typically taken in grade 10 or 11.)

- Investigate real-world topics from multiple perspectives
- Carefully analyze information, write evidence-based arguments and effectively communicate them
- Work independently and with a team to research a topic, develop a written report and deliver a presentation

The Benefit:
- Freedom to explore a vast range themes across the entire spectrum of academic disciplines. Intellectual curiosity is a key to an interesting and fulfilling life, and every student will play a part in determining what we explore together!

AP Exam:
1. (25%) Team Project & Presentation
2. (35%) Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation

AP Research

(Typically taken in grade 11 or 12.)

- Design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation
- Apply research methods and practices to address a real-world topic selected by the student
- Write a college-level research paper
- Present and orally defend research findings methodology

The Benefit:
- You will spend a year exploring, researching, writing and presenting about a topic of your choice! You will have the power to design your own research.

AP Exam:
1. (75%) Academic Paper (4,000 - 5,000 words)
2. (25%) Presentation and Oral Defense

The Skills

(Prepare your mind for the future.)

You will emerge with far more than an "AP Diploma". You will have the requisite skills to excel at every intellectually demanding course in college and life, including. You will develop the skills to:

- Question & Explore
  - Challenge and expand the boundaries of your current knowledge.

- Understand & Analyze
  - Contextualize arguments and comprehend authors’ claims

- Evaluate Multiple Perspectives
  - Consider individual perspectives and the larger conversation of varied points of view

- Synthesize Ideas
  - Combine knowledge, ideas, and your own perspective into an argument.

- Team, Transform & Transmit
  - Collaborate, reflect and communicate your argument in a method suited to your audience.