

## THE WAY TO UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE – The “Advanced Placement International Program”

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Phorms offers the opportunity for students in our Gymnasium to take Advanced Placement Exams in addition to the Abitur. Advanced Placement Exams test knowledge at the University level, and are therefore a strong indicator of undergraduate success. Completion of an AP Exam with satisfactory scores increases the chances for admission to most German and International Universities, including elite institutions such as Cambridge or Oxford in the UK or Harvard in the US. All universities and colleges in the US also offer first year credit for completed AP Exams. Detailed, independent studies show that participation in the Advanced Placement Program results in a significantly higher completion rate at international and German universities. The Advanced Placement Program was created in 1955 and is organized by the College Board\*. The AP Coordinator at Phorms Gymnasium in Berlin Mitte and Berlin Süd is Sean Jackson.



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### Wide range of courses and many choices for exams

Phorms conducts these academically challenging college level examinations in the 11th and 12th Class. Students are able to choose from a wide range of courses. The student can complete single exams and earn an AP certificate. The AP certificates require at least an exam score of at least 3 – on a scale of 5 (extremely well) to 1 (no recommendation). The exams can be taken in these subjects: English, German as a „World Language“, History, Mathematics or Natural Science.

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### Worldwide recognition among the top-universities



Phorms Education carefully reviewed the Advanced Placement Program against the International Baccalaureate (IB) in order to determine what is best for our school community. Ultimately we have decided on the AP Program because it is in our view more flexible, less bureaucratic and more cost-effective for parents and students. The AP certificates also have a much greater recognition among our target universities. The AP Program is offered worldwide in 18,000 schools in 115 countries and nearly 2 million students participated in the program in 2011. Worldwide, the College Board is recognized in over 3,800 universities. Alone, the AP certificates do not qualify as a school diploma, however strengthens the German Abitur.

## AP courses prepare students majoring in engineering, biochemistry, and other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors in college

27 prestigious colleges and universities participated in a study comparing the degree to which AP science, math, and technology students chose to pursue STEM majors, in comparison to students who did not receive exposure to these disciplines via AP. The sort of student who participates in AP science, math, and technology course work at the secondary school level is far more likely than other students to proceed to major in a related STEM discipline.

### BENEFITS OF THE AP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

APID can be acquired parallel to the Abitur.

First experiences with courses and exams at university level

Higher chances for admission to most international and German universities

First credits for the University earned before leaving high school

Self-confidence for the challenge of an international university

Additional qualification for scholarships

\* The College Board is a US-based non-profit organization, involved in over 5,700 schools, colleges and universities. It was established in 1900. The programs of the College Board are prepared each year worldwide more than 7 million students at the university. [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

