

THE CENTER



ADVANCED STUDIES AND RESEARCH
THOUSAND OAKS HIGH SCHOOL

THE CENTER OVERVIEW:

The Center for Advanced Studies and Research provides gifted and high-achieving students with the opportunity to engage in disciplined and scholarly research through college-level courses in order to be prepared with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for post-secondary success and to stand out to top universities in the college admissions process.

Designed based on feedback from higher education that high school students conduct and present authentic research, The Center offers unparalleled opportunities that will inspire students to learn and grow both inside and outside the classroom.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH:



AP Capstone™

During the 2014-2015 school year, Thousand Oaks High School was selected as one of only 11 schools in California and 139 schools worldwide to offer two new AP courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, within the full AP Capstone Program.

AP Capstone Diploma™

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)
Team Project & Presentation
Research-Based Essay & Presentation
End-of-Course Exam

AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)
Research Process Documentation
Academic Thesis Paper
Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Tier 1: Required Courses

- English 10H
- AP English Language
- AP Seminar
- AP Research

Tier 2: Emphasis Courses

- Students select 5 minimum - 3 AP
- Courses listed at tohsthecenter.org

Tier 3: Culminating Experience

- Students implement research beyond the classroom

Why Apply?

High School

Profound, highly beneficial, inquiry-based learning experience across the disciplines

- Diverse on and off-campus learning opportunities
- Experience AP Seminar and AP Research and earn the College Board's new AP Capstone Diploma
- Graduate with distinction through ceremony and program recognition

College

Unique opportunity to distinguish yourself to colleges and universities

- Equipped with college-level writing, critical thinking, and research skills
- Opportunities for selection to university research labs and publication authorship
- Potential to earn automatic honors college admission and/or scholarships for completing the AP Capstone Diploma

Career

Expanded view of the world; recognizing opportunities to be at the forefront of change

- Real world application of leadership, teamwork, and problem solving skills
- Work with a mentor in your field of interest while investigating a project of your own design
- Discover interests through diverse opportunities to research and interact with professionals in various fields



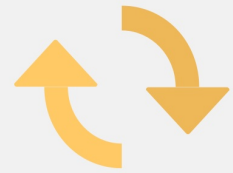
Teamwork

Through The Center, I have gained skills that allow me to conceptualize others' information and synthesize my ideas with theirs. Teamwork, I have gathered, depends not on how much work you do for a group, but on a balance of contributions from different types of people.
- Amber Sutherland '16



Self-motivation

Through The Center, I've gained skills that are much more valuable than what one learns in an average classroom. I've learned skills that will help me succeed in life, such as self-motivation and compromise.
- Joyce Huchin '17



Transferable Skills

I've learned so much about intelligent writing and how to produce it. Prior to this, I'd never given much thought to things like adverbs, prepositional phrases, or concise writing. It's also made a huge change in my writing outside the class, specifically in Journalism and AP European History.
- Andrew Chau '17



Genuine Experience

I realized that to get the most out of AP Seminar, I would have to apply myself and genuinely want to do the work, not because I have to, but because I want to. In this class, you learn to be self-motivated, not motivated by your grades.
- Sofia Lin '17



High-interest, Student-driven

This year in The Center, I learned how to organize long-term projects and I have developed better teamwork skills. I enjoyed being able to research and write about topics that actually interest me.
- Fengting Liang '16

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