

AP Core Senior Project

The AP Core Senior project is a graduation requirement that is also reflected in your American Studies/Forensics grade (for Seniors only)-- but most importantly it is a chance to design your own learning project. For the past eleven years of your life, teachers have been deciding what you are to learn. It is now your turn to take the wheel of your education and find a project that will expand your understanding of your community and yourself. Your project can be an experience to further your interest in a field or it can endeavor to give back to your community. What we are ultimately looking for is for you to get out and explore, grow, and give.

Your project must be 30 hours of work, and we ask that you focus on quality hours that honor the purpose of the project and respect the sacrifice of your mentor. Your mentor has agreed to help you have a meaningful experience; please honor their time and be committed to finishing what you start.

Projects may be one of the following, but are not limited to:

- Professional Shadowing: medical professionals, engineers, photographers, financial advisors, etc.
- Environmental Stewardship: creek restoration, creek clean-up, removing invasive plants, docent work at preserves, recycling projects, etc.
- Horticulture Projects: garden installation and maintenance, vineyard work, etc.
- Science Projects: lab work, projects under supervision of scientists, etc.
- Animal Care: all types of animal care projects from shadowing a vet, to work with sheltered dogs/cats, etc.
- Teaching/Counseling: working in a classroom, tutoring, camp counseling, etc.
- Industrial Arts: wood working projects, auto mechanics, welding, etc.

The completion of your Senior Project will be documented on Senior Project Forms A, B, and D. NOTE, Form C is not used in AP Core, we require a reflective paper that will be explained to you later in the year.

Senior Project Documents (A-D):

Form A:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WLnNLUBpADacYvf-1szzGusVqSDIfgYUMu1vLKQb_SE/edit?usp=sharing

Form B:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kiKq3KiXIB8uwIP2H7bp1PvoRplbMeA1vPaMQwnRhDs/edit?usp=sharing>

Form D:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11CYJGpZP4QpFbaicr1wU1zWbaemRJJMREc3waU9Nwql/edit?usp=sharing>

A few things to remember:

- Get mentor's initials as you go
- Mentor cannot be a family member or current teacher
- You cannot be paid for your project, and if you do get paid, that money must be donated
- Document your progress each session on Form B
- Take good photos every session
- Either Coursey or Leslie can be listed as advisor