

# AP + Project Lead The Way

## Get Recognized

So you know about the benefits of taking AP — [building skills for college](#) and career and possibly [earning college credit](#). And you know the reasons to take Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses — developing in-demand skills and exploring careers through hands-on learning and real-life problem solving.

But here's something you probably don't know: When you take selected AP and PLTW courses related to the fields of engineering or biomedical science (and earn qualifying scores on course-related exams and assessments), you can now earn an **AP + PLTW student recognition**. This recognition shows colleges and employers that you're prepared for advanced course work — and interested in careers in the field you're studying.

If you've taken both AP and PLTW courses in the past few years, you may already have taken the necessary courses and exams to earn this recognition — or you may just need to complete one or two more courses and exams to be eligible.

## How It Works

The AP + PLTW program features **pathways** in three fields — engineering or biomedical science.

Each pathway has three parts:

- PLTW courses designed to introduce students to the field
- AP courses and exams that provide an opportunity for advanced placement and/or college credit
- PLTW specialization courses that focus on knowledge and skills needed for rewarding careers

## Explore the AP + PLTW Pathways

Level	Engineering	Biomedical Science
Readiness (PLTW Courses)	Introduction to Engineering Design	Principles of Biomedical Science
College (AP courses)	AP Biology AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Statistics	AP Biology AP Chemistry
Career (PLTW courses)	Principles of Engineering Aerospace Engineering Civil Engineering and Architecture Computer Integrated Manufacturing Digital Electronics Environmental Sustainability	Human Body Systems Medical Interventions

## How to Earn the Recognition

If you complete three courses in a pathway — one AP course; one PLTW course; and a third course, either AP or PLTW — and earn a score of 3 or higher on the AP Exam(s) and a score of Proficient or higher on the PLTW End of Course (EoC) assessment(s), you've earned the AP + PLTW student recognition for that pathway.

## What to Do Now

Interested in getting the AP + PLTW student recognition? Here are your next steps.

If you've taken AP and PLTW courses, check the table above to see if these courses are in one pathway. Then, check the "How to Earn the Recognition" section to see if you've fulfilled the requirements.

If you're short one or more courses, check the table to see what course or courses you need to take to complete the pathway. Next, talk to your teacher or counselor about adjusting your schedule to add the course(s) that you're lacking. And don't forget that you need to earn qualifying scores on the related AP Exam(s) and PLTW EoC assessment(s). Your teacher or counselor can answer other questions you may have about earning the AP + PLTW recognition.

Remember, earning the AP + PLTW student recognition tells colleges and employers a lot about you. So if you're interested in getting on the path to a degree and a career in engineering or biomedical science— or just interested in exploring these fields — AP + PLTW is a great way to start.

Sources:

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/the-ap-experience/ap-project-lead-the-way>

<https://www.pltw.org/ap-project-lead-way>