

AP Career Kickstart™

Top 5 Reasons to Take AP Cybersecurity



1 Step Into One of the Faster-Growing Fields

Information security analyst is one of the faster-growing occupations tracked by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, projected to grow 21% through 2035. The median annual wage for the occupation is \$129,180, and most roles need education beyond high school. This course gives you a place to start.

2 You Don't Need to Know How to Code

AP® Cybersecurity is not a programming course. It is about understanding how systems get attacked and how to defend them. If you're curious about technology and how things break and how to fix them, you may be a great fit.

3 Earn College Credit Plus an Employer-Endorsed Credential

A qualifying AP Exam score can earn you college credit, advanced placement, or both—and that same qualifying score also earns you the AP Cybersecurity Credential, an employer-endorsed credential.

4 Learn How to Protect the Digital World

From securing networks and devices to defending against phishing and social engineering, you'll study the threats that make headlines and the strategies organizations use to stop them.

5 Build Skills for In-Demand Careers

Cybersecurity connects to a wide range of in-demand careers, from information security analyst to digital forensic analyst. This course is a first step toward that path.



Ready to sign up?

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