

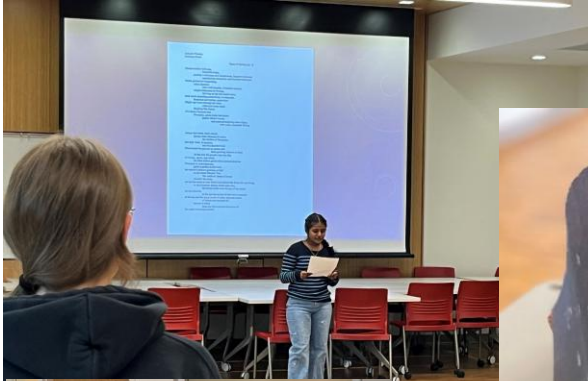
ATYP

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(n.) outstandingly not typical; exceptionally bright; an individual defined by curiosity and intellect

see also: procrastinator, over-caffeinated



WELCOME TO THE ATYP ENROLLMENT MEETING

Dr. Kelly Schultz, Director



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

FROM THE PARENTS OF A 1ST YEAR ATYP ENGLISH STUDENT:

ATYP has been everything we had hoped it would be. It is **NOT** simply throwing middle school students into a class several years ahead of grade level and pounding them with work, sink or swim. And it is **NOT** a year-long celebration of how bright they are (no matter how they are viewed at their home school, they will all stress out, most in a healthy way). It **IS** a recognition that these kids can handle a much higher level and faster pace of work than most of their peers, but also that they are still children. This has been an eye-opener for our daughter. She has learned that a class can be both demanding and enjoyable, and that being surrounded by classmates who are very bright and motivated is inspiring rather than intimidating. The expectations are far greater than in any other class she's had, but so are the support, feedback, and rewards. A solid "+"!



CONGRATULATIONS!

- Your admission material shows that you are capable of higher order thinking and reasoning.
- You need to find ways to challenge and stretch yourself.



WHY STUDENTS SEEK ADDITIONAL CHALLENGE...



1. You are not challenged with your curriculum in your home school.
2. You wish you learned something new in school each day.
3. You know you are capable of moving faster and deeper into the material.
4. You want to meet people who think as fast as you do.
5. You want to be able to discuss math or a book you read without the other person's eyes glazing over.
6. You want to leave school one afternoon per week!

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE ATYP

- Challenging curriculum.
- Gain study skills and self-confidence.
- Instructors who understand you and your needs.
- Open discussions and debates about material that will hold your interest.
- Other students who think like you do.
- High school credit in middle school – freeing you up to take other courses in high school that you enjoy, dual enroll at a college or university, or take more AP classes for college credit.



TYPICAL STUDENT CONCERNS

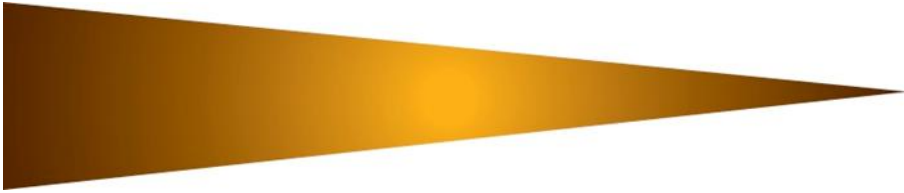
- I don't want more homework!
- I do sports after school.
- Can I really do it? Am I smart enough?
- I don't want to leave school and my friends.
- I may not be the smartest kid in class anymore.
- It's hard for my parents to get me to campus at 1:20 (or pick me up).
- The material is difficult and I may not know how to do it.



OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER



- You will have more homework from ATYP than from your regular school.
- While you will have a study time in school to work on that homework, you will still be expected to put in several hours of work each week on homework out of school.
- Please consider the number of extracurricular activities that you participate in. You may need to limit that number so that you have time in your week to devote to your ATYP homework.
- How good are your time management, organization, and planning and prioritizing skills? Are you prepared to grow them as needed?
- Remember – your brain needs to be exercised in order to grow!



STUDENT / PARENT AMBASSADORS



TYPICAL COURSE SCHEDULE

ATYP	Year I	Year II	Year III
Language Arts	English 9/10	English 11/12	AP English-Language & Composition, Literature & Composition
Math	Algebra I/II	Geometry & Precalculus	Ready for AP Calculus
Typical Grade	7 th or 8 th	8 th or 9 th	9 th or 10 th

Other Courses Offered:

Literature, Philosophy, & Media: Roaming the Anthropocene



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- Read through the material in your packet (or on the [website](#)) – especially the [Code of Conduct](#) and [Student Expectations](#).
- Decide if ATYP is the right program for you & your family.
- Register [online](#) as soon as you are able at wmich.edu/precollege/atypregistration.
 - Follow the directions on the website.
 - Online registration includes digitally signing the Code of Conduct form and paying the first \$50 registration fee.
 - Be sure to indicate if you have any scheduling issues in the box labeled “Health & Scheduling Notes.” It is easier to adjust before mid-July.
 - The login email address must be a student email. A school email is fine if the system does not block receiving outside email. If you are unsure, have the student create a Gmail account.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Registration Deadline:
Sunday, May 24



- You must go online to complete the registration. You will not be assigned to a class unless you do so.
- Once you have completed your registration you will receive a confirmation receipt by email.
- Next, we will email you a counselor letter and reading list (English students only).
- Contact your school counselor to modify your schedule.
- Attend orientation in August.
- Pay your second \$50 enrollment fee when billed in August and the third in December.

DETAILS



- Scheduling of classes occurs during the summer months. You will receive notification of your schedule in late July.
- Every attempt is made to schedule students from the same school together to accommodate carpooling. You will be sent a list of which students are coming on the same day so you can contact them.
- Email the office ASAP with scheduling conflicts that arise after registration.
- Some school districts provide a bus.

DETAILS

- Costs – you will need to pay the \$50 registration fee and the \$50 per semester enrollment fee (waived for students who receive a state or federal subsidy); public schools pay tuition; private and home-schooled students pay the tuition themselves.
- English students will be sent a reading list over the summer with a list of books to purchase. You may purchase used books.
- Math students are provided a textbook. You will need a graphing calculator; we recommend the TI-83 or TI-84.



CHARLES AND LYNN ZHANG SCHOLARSHIP

- This scholarship is available to any ATYP student who qualifies for a state or federal financial assistance program.
- It covers the cost of all registration fees, books, and calculators required for the program. This includes summer reading materials, so if you will need the novels provided, please contact us ASAP.
- Check the fee waiver box at registration time and then follow up as soon as possible with an email from your counselor confirming that you qualify. We will be in touch on how to order books and/or a calculator.



TIMELINE

- After qualifying for ATYP
 - Read through the information online
 - Register on the website (by May 24)
 - Receive counselor letter & reading list
 - Contact counselor
- June
 - Start summer assignment (English students)
- July
 - Receive class lists and transportation information
 - Receive math summer homework
 - Math students pick up your math book
- August
 - Finish summer assignment (English and math students)
 - Attend orientation
 - Setup carpools (if necessary)



CALENDAR 2026-27

- Book Pickup – July 29, August 3, or August 11, from 5-6 p.m.
- Orientation for first year students
 - **Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. (in person)**
 - **Thursday, August 20 at 4 p.m. (virtual) or 6:30 p.m. (in person)**
 - **Monday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. (makeup, in person)**
- ATYP classes (Year 1 and 2) begin week of August 31
- ATYP classes (AP and Year IV) begin week of Sept. 7
- Parent-student open house (teacher scheduled in September)
- No classes Thanksgiving week Nov. 23-27
- Winter recess from Dec. 21 – Jan 1
- No classes Mondays, Jan 18 & May 31
- Last day of first semester Jan. 22
- Spring break March 29 - April 9 (two weeks)
- Last day of ATYP classes May 31



WHAT FORMER ATYP PARENTS WANT NEW ATYP PARENTS TO KNOW



- You are NOT asking your child to do too much work.
- The work will be challenging for your student and at times it may seem extremely hard. At times you may need to provide them with a sounding board for their frustrations.
- Help your students set up a homework schedule but let them learn to do it themselves.
- You are not expected to help with content questions but may need to help your student learn study habits.
- Staying on top of the homework in ATYP is the **key** to success. Time management is paramount!
- Realize that this may be a turning point in your student's education...or life.

ATYP ALUMNI COMMENTS



- ATYP not only helped me in my college courses, but it has given me a lifelong ability to both understand and appreciate the communication of ideas.
- I had worked with smart classmates before ATYP, but ATYP was where I was first able to work in an environment where *every* one of my classmates was *incredibly* smart. A class is much more enjoyable with everyone thinking and contributing, rather than just one or two people.

LEARNING IS AN
ACTIVE PROCESS.
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SIMILARLY, ATYP IS A
PROCESS.

ATYP STUDENTS LEARN
BY DOING SO THE
KNOWLEDGE WILL STICK
IN THEIR MINDS.

BUT YOU MUST TRUST IN
THE PROCESS. EVEN
WHEN IT'S HARD.

HAVE FAITH IN YOUR
ABILITY TO LEARN AND
GROW!



WHAT ARE WE (STUDENT AND FAMILY) COMMITTING TO?

- Completing summer homework and activities so you are prepared for the first day of class.
- Putting forth your best effort for one year of ATYP classes (we will talk at 6 weeks if you find that ATYP just isn't a good fit for you).
- Communicating with teachers and staff frequently, honestly, and openly.
- Working through when things get hard!

Remember, you are not just making a commitment to a class or a program, you are making a commitment to yourself. To see what you're capable of. To understand who you are as a student and as a person. To really give it your best shot.





QUESTIONS?

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