



Resources to learn differences between AP CSP and CSA and practice basic programming skills (to refresh what you know)

This **CS50 Harvard course is a great review** of all the topics discussed in AP CSP class but with more detail and great videos from a Harvard professor, to reinforce a lot of topics for you. The youtube videos can be watched on their own (without joining the edX class which is free if its not for credit.

<https://pll.harvard.edu/course/cs50-introduction-computer-science?delta=0>

[khan academy CSP](#) or <http://code.org> computer science principles on youtube—some good videos

Understanding the differences in CSA vs CSP AP classes for computer science——

brief description: <https://youtu.be/C8e19APClpc> Plus—a Longer discussion, with Ajay!
<https://youtu.be/WJ4cmV7c08A> (Ajay has a wonderful series to help you through CSA which I highly recommend!)

Summer AP CSA Class Assignment: 3 main things to do

LEARN some Java(unit 1), KNOW the AP exam and curriculum and GET inspired to learn to code~

Your Summer assignment is (read on for details)

1. **Learn basic JAVA (Unit 1 of our Interactive OnLine CSisAwesome Book—Be sure to sign up in my “coding rooms” or Runestone classroom so your work is saved**
2. **Read materials at AP CSA College Board** about the exam—and curriculum
3. **Get inspired to Code!!**
 - a. **Watch the movie CODE:** debugging the gender gap and find ways to get inspired
 - b. **Find your own book, movie or podcast about coding and future technologies e.g., AI. and write about what you’ve learned to share with the class.** Think about how to recruit others and make computer science skills more part of your life/ helping others—read about what you can do as part of a cs club..

DETAILS:

PART 1: Learn some Java (everything up to Unit 2 on objects)

Main Summer Assignment for APCS A

1. **Join Runestone Academy (if you have an account you can just switch classes)**
 - **MUST Complete Unit 1 on Runestone** - MUST sign in –email me for account sign up–
 - **maryvalepreparatoryschool_csawesome_spring24** (name of runestone course)
2. **Next**—check out the table of contents and read <https://runestone.academy/ns/books/published/csawesome/index.html> (is more ‘readable’ but less intuitive with exercises perhaps-- you need to sign in to each separately)



Visit [AP Computer Science A Java Course](#) for information on the curriculum

3. **See other resources—e.g., Youtube** has good videos from the college board and also some engaging students (so far, I'm really impressed with Ajay! Isn't he adorable??
 - <https://youtu.be/JYLJbVEcJxs>). You will be able to use **AP classroom** once the course is made live in July
 - Big list of links for Java learning—see code.org materials etc. [Other java learning resources](#)

Part 2 of your summer assignment: Get an overview of what is expected this year by reading the main AP college Board AP CSA materials (course exam and description)

- **Course overview:** <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-computer-science-a-course-overview.pdf>
- **Full Description:** <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-computer-science-a/course>

(see course at a glance and walk-through of the description—the full description may be a bit dense (at very bottom) but you can check out some of the example questions and FRQs there.

Part 3 (a and b) is to GET INSPIRED!! (Read or Watch something about Women in Tech!)

#3a—Pick your own OR watch the powerful documentary about **women in Computer Science** now free on youtube. It includes interviews with top people in the field : **CODE debugging the gender gap** <https://youtu.be/jlb6Qrvgt0Y> Or Check out the book/Movie **“Girl Code”**

Check out some fun stickers you can buy on RedBubble or elsewhere for Women who Code for your laptop



Find some cool images and designs at https://dribbble.com/tags/women_code

#3b Learn more about how you can help recruit others to join our cs clubs and stem classes at Maryvale. **Think about starting an honor society.** <https://www.csteachers.org/page/computer-science-honor-society>

Be sure to talk to your friends about taking a CS or STEM class and joining our CS Club —Involves service projects related to CS like teaching girls to code e.g., GirlsWhoCode or city kids e.g. code in the schools

[Mentoring and Internship Resources for next year through UMD/UMBC](#)

Check out local resources available to us at UMD (MCWIC is at college park-- <https://inclusion.cs.umd.edu/mcwichoused> and CWIT at UMBC <https://cwit.umbc.edu/>).