

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Students may earn credit for the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) Advanced Placement (AP) Tests with scores of 3, 4, or 5. AP credit can be used to meet IGETC, CSU/GE and A.A. general education (GE) and/or major requirements. [Local/Non-transfer Degree Exceptions to the minimum AP score are the PHYS G120 Algebra Based Physics: Mechanics and PHYS G125 Algebra Based Physics: Electricity/ Magnetism courses (AP Physics 1 and 2) which require a score of 5 for GWC unit and subject credit. Also, students who score 5 in Calculus BC can earn 10 units and subject credit for MATH G180 + G185].

Students must have the College Board (<https://clep.collegeboard.org/>) send AP exam results to Admissions and Records (hand carried copies will not be accepted) for use on the A.A. or GE patterns. Course credit and units granted at Golden West College may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution. See a GWC counselor for more information.

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AP Exam/Subject	GWC Credit	GWC AA/AS Local GE Area	CSU GE Area & Units for Certificate	CSU Semester Transfer Units	IGETC Area & Units for Certificate	UC Semester Transfer Units
Art History	ART G105 C (3) + ART G106 (3)		C1 or C2 (3)	6	3A or 3B (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Biology	BIOL G100 B (4)		B2 + B3 (4)	6	5B + 5C (4)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Calculus AB	MATH G180 (4)		B4 (3) ¹	3 ¹	2A (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem. ²
Calculus BC	MATH G185 A (4)		B4 (3) ¹	6 ¹	2A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem. ²
Calculus BC ³	MATH G180 (4) + MATH G185 ³ (4)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Calculus BC/ AB Subscore ⁴	MATH G185 A (4)		B4 (3)	3	2A (3)	N/A
Chemistry	CHEM G130 B (4)		B1 + B3 (4) ⁵	6	5A + 5C (4)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Chinese Language and Culture	CHIN G185 (5)	C	C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Computer Science A	CS G153 (4)		N/A	3 ¹	N/A	8 quart./5.3 sem. ⁶ (after F18)

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Computer Science AB	CS G154 (4)		N/A	6 ¹	N/A	N/A
Computer Science Principles	N/A	A (3)	B4 (3)	6	N/A	8 quart./5.3 sem.
English Language and Composition	ENGL G100 A (4)		A2 (3)	6	1A (3)	5.3 sem. ⁷
English Literature and Composition	ENGL G100 A + C (no critical thinking) (4) + ENGL G110 (4)		A2 + C2 (6)	6	1A or 3B (3)	5.3 sem. ⁷
Environmental Science	(4)	B	B1 + B3 (4) ⁸	4	5A + 5C (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.
European History	HIST G180 C or D (3) + HIST G185 (3)		C2 or D (3)	6	3B or 4 (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
French Language	FREN G185 (5)	C	C2 (6) (before F09)	6 (before F09)	N/A	N/A
French Language	FREN G185 (5)	C	C2 (3) (before F11)	6 (before F11)	N/A	N/A
French Language and Culture	FREN G185 (5) (3)	C	C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
French Literature	(3)	C	C2 (3) (before F09)	6 (before F09)	N/A	N/A
German Language	(5)		C2 (6) (before F09)	6 (before F09)	N/A	N/A
German Language	(5)		C2 (3) (before F11)	6 (before F11)	N/A	N/A
German Language and Culture	GRMN G180 (5)	C	C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Government and Politics: Comparative	PSCI G185 D (3)		D (3)	3	4 (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.
Government & Politics: United States	(3)	D	D + US2 ⁹ (3)	3	4 + US2 (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.
Human Geography	(3)	D	D (3)	3	4 (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.

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Italian Language and Culture	ITAL G180 (5)	C	C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Japanese Language and Culture	JAPN G180 (5)	C	C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Latin	(3)	C	C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem. (2013 and after)
Latin Literature	(3)	C	C2 (3) (before F09)	6 (before F09)	N/A	N/A
Latin: Vergil	(3)	C	C2 (3) (before F12)	3 (before F12)	3B + 6A (3)	N/A
Macroeconomics	ECON G17D (3)		D (3)	3	4 (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.
Microeconomics	ECON G17D (3)		D (3)	3	4 (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.
Music Theory	MUS G115C (3)		C1 (3) (before F09)	6 (before F09)	N/A	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Physics 1: Algebra-Based	PHYS G12B (4)		B1 + B3 ¹¹ (4)	4 ¹¹	5A + 5C (4)	8 quart./5.3 sem. ¹²
Physics 2: Algebra-Based	PHYS G12B ¹⁰ (4)		B1 + B3 ¹¹ (4)	4 ¹¹	5A + 5C (4)	8 quart./5.3 sem. ¹²
Physics B	PHYS G11B (4) + PHYS G11 (4)		B1 + B3 ¹¹ (4) (before F09)	6 ¹¹ (before F09)	5A + 5C (4)	8 quart./5.3 sem. ¹²
Physics B	PHYS G11B (4) + PHYS G11 ¹⁰ (4)		B1 + B3 ¹¹ (4) (before F13)	6 ¹¹ (before F13)	N/A	N/A
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	PHYS G12B (4)		B1 + B3 ¹⁵ (4)	4	5A + 5C (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem. ¹²
Physics C: Mechanics	PHYS G12B (4)		B1 + B3 ¹⁵ (4)	4	5A + 5C (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem. ¹²
Precalculus	MATH G17A (4)		B4 (3)	3	N/A	N/A

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Psychology	PSYC G100 (3)		D (3)	3	4 (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.
Seminar	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Spanish Language	SPAN G180C (5) + SPAN G185 (5)		C2 (6) (before S14)	6 (before F14)	N/A	(Spanish Language no longer offered)
Spanish Language and Culture	SPAN G18C (5) + SPAN G18 (5)		C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Spanish Literature	(3)	C	C2 (6) (before S13)	6 (before S13)	N/A	N/A
Spanish Literature and Culture	(3)	C	C2 (3)	6	3B + 6A (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
Statistics	MATH G160 (4)		B4 (3)	3	2A (3)	4 quart./2.6 sem.
2D Art and Design	ART G107 C (3)		N/A	3	N/A	8 quart./5.3 sem. ¹³
3D Art and Design	ART G109 C (3)		N/A	3	N/A	8 quart./5.3 sem. ¹³
Drawing	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	8 quart./5.3 sem. ¹³
United States History	HIST G170C or D (3) + HIST G175 (3)		C2 or D + US-1 (3)	6	3B or 4 + US1 (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.
World History: Modern	HIST G161C or D (3) + HIST G162 (3)		C2 or D (3)	3	3B or 4 (3)	8 quart./5.3 sem.

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CSU: If a student passes more than one AP exam in calculus or computer science, only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate

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UC: AP Calculus Exam Limitation: Maximum 8 quart./5.3 sem. units for both

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GWC: AP Calculus Exam Limitations: score 5 for MATH G180 Calculus 1 + MATH G185 Calculus 2 credit

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UC: Students who take the Calculus BC examination and earn a subscore of 3 or higher on the Calculus AB portion will receive credit for the Calculus AB examination, even if they do not receive a score of 3 or higher on the BC examination (note that the maximum credit awarded for both exams is 8 quarter units).

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CSU: AP Chemistry Exam Limitation: 6 sem. units if taken prior to F09

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UC: Computer Science A: 2 (students entering UC prior to fall 2018)
Computer Science A: 5.3 sem/8 qtr (students entering UC fall 2018 and after)

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UC: AP English Exam Limitation: Maximum 5.3 sem. units for both

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CSU: Students who pass AP Environmental Science earn 4 units of credit. Tests prior to Fall 2009 may apply to either B1+B3 or B2+B3 of GE Breadth. Fall of 2009 or later, those credits may only apply to B1+B3

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AP Govt. Exam Limitations: Doesn't fulfill Calif. Gov. Requirement.

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GWC: AP Physics Exam Limitations: score 5 for PHYS G120 Algebra Based Physics: Mechanics or PHYS G125 Algebra Based Physics: Electricity/Magnetism credit (Physics 1 or 2)

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CSU: If a student passes more than one AP exam in physics, only six units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate, and only four units of credit may be applied to a certification in GE Breadth.

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UC: Physics B replaced by Physics 1 & 2 – 2015
(5.3 sem/8 qtr maximum for all tests)

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UC: AP Studio Art Exam Limitations: Maximum 8 quart./5.3 sem. units for all three

Many Colleges or Universities may apply AP credit toward satisfaction of subject or specific requirements (e.g., major). AP policies vary by institution. See the transfer institution's application of AP major preparation credit. See individual UC (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/>) and CSU campuses for AP major preparation credit. See a counselor to discuss how AP is applied.

AA: Students should be aware that AP test credit is evaluated by corresponding it to an equivalent GWC course, e.g. HIST G170 History Of The United States To 1876. A student who receives AP credit and then takes the equivalent GWC course will have the unit credit for such duplication deducted prior to being awarded the A.A. degree. Credit by Advanced Placement exam is noted and listed first on a student's transcript, with units assigned and no grade.

Course credit and units granted to the local AA may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution. See Counselor.

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CSU GE: The Advanced Placement examinations may be incorporated into the certification of CSU General Education-Breadth requirements by any certifying institution. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown and apply them toward fulfillment of the designated General Education-Breadth area if the examination is included as part of a full or subject-area certification. Please note that individual CSU campuses may choose to grant more units than those specified toward completion of General Education-Breadth requirements.

IGETC: AP exams may be used in area indicated regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

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College Board: AP Courses & Exams (<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/>)

CSU: AP Chart (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/advanced-placement-ap.aspx>) (for current CSU AP information).

CSU: Historical CSU AP (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/7800250/latest/#autoid-qjbn9>) exam credit and changes

IGETC GE: IGETC Standards 2.3 (https://icas-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/IGETC_STANDARDS-2.3_02June2022-Final.pdf)

UC Transfer Credit: UC Credit granted for AP exams (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/>)

UC AP major preparation individual campuses (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/>)