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Credit by Exam: Advanced Placement (AP) Tests and SMC GE Chart

Students are granted units and subject credit for SMC degrees/certificates for College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) Advanced Placement Tests with scores of 3, 4, or 5. Students must have the College Board send AP exam results to the SMC Admissions Office (hand carried copies will NOT be accepted).

AP credit can also be used to meet IGETC, CSU GE, and SMC Associate degree (majors and/or GE) requirements.

- AP credit granted at SMC does not reflect credit granted by a transfer institution.
- AP credit must be used in the IGETC area indicated, regardless of where the certifying institution's discipline is located.
- AP credit may be incorporated into the CSU GE certification by any certifying institution. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown and apply them toward fulfillment of the designated CSU GE 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 CSU GE requirements.

Students interested in petitioning for AP credit should meet with a counselor. Students should be aware that AP test credit is evaluated by corresponding it to an equivalent SMC course, e.g., History 11. A student who receives AP credit and then takes the equivalent SMC course will have the unit credit for the duplication deducted prior to graduation. Credit by Advanced Placement exam is noted and listed first on a student's transcript, with units assigned and no grade.

Use of AP credit varies at each transfer institution. Please check the transfer institution's catalog for details.

Exam	SMC Associate Degree (Major and/or GE)	CSU GE	CSU Units Earned Toward Transfer	IGETC	UC Units Earned Toward Transfer
Art History	AHIS 1 plus 3 elective units = 6 units; only 3 GE units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement	Area C1 or C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3A or 3B 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Biology	BIOL 3 plus 2 elective units = 6 units; only 4 GE units	Area B2 and B3 4 semester units	6 semester units	Area 5B and 5C 4 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Calculus AB	Score of 3: MATH 2* Score of 4 or 5: MATH 7* 5 semester units	Area B4 3 semester units	3 semester units*	Area 2A 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units**
Calculus BC	Score of 3: MATH 7* Score of 4 or 5: MATH 8* 5 semester units	Area B4 3 semester units	6 semester units*	Area 2A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units**
AP Calculus Exam Limitations	*Qualifies student for next level of math		*Only one exam may be used toward transfer		**Maximum credit for both exams is 8 quarter/5.3 semester units
Chemistry	CHEM 10 5 semester units	Areas B1 and B3 4 semester units	6 semester units	Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Chinese Language & Culture	CHNESE 3 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Computer Science A	Score of 3 or 4: CS 55 Score of 5: CS 55 and 56	N/A	3 semester units	N/A	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units (May 2018 or later)
Computer Science AB	Score of 3: CS 3 and 55 6 semester units* Score of 4 or 5: CS 55 and 56 6 semester units*	N/A	6 semester units**	N/A	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units***
Computer Science Principles	Score of 3 or 4 or 5: CS 3	Area B4 3 semester units	6 semester units	N/A	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units

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AP Computer Science Exam Limitations	*Maximum credit for both exams is 6 semester units		*Maximum credit for both exams is 6 semester units		***Maximum credit for both exams is 4 quarter/2.7 semester units
Economics – Macroeconomics	ECON 2 3 semester units	Area D2 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 4B 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
Economics – Microeconomics	ECON 1 3 semester units	Area D2 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 4B 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
English – Language & Composition	ENGL 1 plus 3 elective units = 6 units; only 3 GE units	Area A2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 1A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units*
English – Literature & Composition	ENGL 1 plus 3 Humanities GE units = 6 GE units	Area A2 and C2 6 semester units	6 semester units	Area 1A or 3B 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units*
AP English Exam Limitations					*Maximum credit for both exams is 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Environmental Science	No course equivalency GE Natural Science 4 semester units	Area B2 and B3 (if completed prior to fall 2009) or Area B1 and B3 (regardless of when completed) 4 semester units	4 semester units	Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
French Language & Culture	FRENCH 3 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
French Literature & Culture	No course equivalency – GE Humanities 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
German Language & Culture	GERMAN 3 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Government & Politics – Comparative	POL SC 2 3 semester units	Area D8 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 4H 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
Government & Politics – U.S	POL SC 1 3 semester units NOTE: Does not fulfill ADT requirement.	Area D8 and US 2* 3 semester units *Note: Does not Fulfill AHI California Government requirement, which student can satisfy after transfer.	3 semester units	Area 4H 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
History – European	HIST 1 plus 3 elective units = 6 units; only 3 GE units	Area C2 or D6 and US 1 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B or 4F 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
History – U.S.	HIST 11 plus 3 elective units = 6 units; only 3 GE units	Area C2 or D6 and US 1 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B or 4F 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
History – World	HIST 34 Area C2 or D6 3 semester units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement	Area C2 or D6 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 3B or 4F 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units

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Human Geography	GEOG 2 3 semester units	Area D5 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 4E 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
Italian Language & Culture	ITAL 3 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Japanese Language & Culture	JAPAN 3 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Latin	No course equivalency – GE Humanities 3 semester units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Latin Literature	No course equivalency – GE Humanities 5 semester units	Area C2 (<i>if completed prior to fall 2009</i>) 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Latin Vergil	No course equivalency – GE Humanities 5 semester units	Area C2 (<i>if completed prior to fall 2012</i>) 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Music Theory	Score of 3: No course equivalency – Elective 3 semester units Score of 4 or 5: MUSIC 2 and 6 5 semester units	Area C1 (<i>if completed prior to fall 2009</i>) 3 semester units	6 semester units	N/A	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Physics B	PHYSCS 14 4 GE units	Area B1 and B3 (<i>if completed prior to fall 2013</i>) 4 semester units*	6 semester units*	Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units**
Physics C – Mechanics	PHYSCS 6 4 semester units; Cannot be used for placement into PHYSCS 7	Area B1 and B3 4 semester units*	4 semester units*	Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units**
Physics C – Electricity & Magnetism	PHYSCS 7 4 semester units	Area B1 and B3 4 semester units*	4 semester units*	Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units**
Physics 1	PHYSCS 6 4 semester units	Area B1 and B3 4 semester units	4 semester units	Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Physics 2	PHYSCS 7 4 semester units	Area B1 and B3 4 semester units	4 semester units	Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
AP Physics Exam Limitations			*Maximum 4 semester units toward GE and 6 semester units toward transfer		**Maximum credit for 3 exams is 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Pre-Calculus	MATH 2 5 semester units	Area B4 3 semester units	3 semester units	N/A	N/A
Psychology	PSYCH 1 3 semester units	Area D9 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 4I 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
Research as an Exam	Elective 3 semester units	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Seminar	N/A	N/A	3 semester units	N/A	N/A
Spanish Language & Culture	SPAN 3 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units

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Spanish Literature & Culture	No course equivalency – GE Humanities 5 semester units	Area C2 3 semester units	6 semester units	Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Statistics	MATH 54 4 semester units	Area B4 3 semester units	3 semester units	Area 2 3 semester units	4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units
Studio Art 2D Design	No course equivalency <i>(credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review)</i> – Elective 3 semester units	N/A	3 semester units	N/A	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Studio Art 3D Design	No course equivalency <i>(credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review)</i> – Elective 3 semester units	N/A	3 semester units	N/A	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
Studio Art Drawing	No course equivalency <i>(credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review)</i> – Elective 3 semester units	N/A	3 semester units	N/A	8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units
AP Studio Art Exam Limitations					*Maximum credit for 3 exams is 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units

Credit by Exam: College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Students must have the College Board send CLEP exam results to the Admissions Office (hand carried copies will not be accepted) for use on a degree or GE pattern.

CLEP exams CANNOT be used to meet the IGETC requirements. UC does not accept CLEP exams.

CLEP exams may be incorporated into CSU GE requirements by any certifying institution. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown and apply them toward fulfillment of the designated CSU GE 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 CSU GE requirements.

Students should check with other prospective transfer institutions regarding acceptance of CLEP scores.

English and Mathematics CLEP exams cannot be used for placement or as a waiver for a prerequisite.

CLEP credit granted at SMC may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution.

A student must be actively enrolled at SMC when applying for credit by CLEP exam. CLEP credit may not be used to meet any residency requirement.

Exam	Minimum CLEP Score	Units Toward SMC Degree	SMC General Education, Degree and/or Course Credit	CSU GE Area	Semester Units Toward CSU GE	Minimum CSU Semester Units Earned Toward Transfer
American Government	50	3	GE: Social Science Area II: Group A or B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group A	D8	3	3

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American Literature	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III	C2	3	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III	C2	3	3
Biology	50	3	COURSE: Biology 3*	B2	3	3
Calculus	50	5	COURSE: Mathematics 7*	B4	3	3
Chemistry	50	5	COURSE: Chemistry 10*	B1	3	3
College Algebra	50	3	COURSE: Mathematics 26*	B4	3	3
College Algebra-Trigonometry	50	3	COURSE: Mathematics 3	B4	3	3
College Mathematics	50	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
English Composition (no essay)	50	3	GE: Language and Rationality Area IV: Group A	N/A	0	0
English Composition (with essay)	50	3	GE: Language and Rationality Area IV: Group A	N/A	0	0
English Literature	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	C2	3	3
Financial Accounting	50	3	N/A	N/A	0	3
French (max of 10 units awarded) Level I	50	5	N/A	N/A	0	6
French (max of 10 units awarded) Level II	59	10	COURSE: French 1*	C2	3	12
German (max of 10 units awarded) Level I	50	5	N/A	N/A	0	6
German (max of 10 units awarded) Level II	60	10	COURSE: German 1*	C2	3	12
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	50	3	GE: Social/ Behavioral Sciences Area II: Group A or B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group A	D6+US-1	3	3
History of the United States	50	3	GE: Social Science Area II: Group A or B DEGREE:	D6+US-1	3	3

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II: 1865 to the Present			Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group A			
Human Growth and Development	50	3	GE: Social Science Area II: Group B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group B	E	3	3
Humanities	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	C2	3	3
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	COURSE: Computer Science 3*	N/A	0	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	N/A	N/A	0	3
Introductory Business Law	50	3	COURSE: Business 5*	N/A	0	3
Introductory Psychology	50	3	COURSE: Psychology 1*	D9	3	3
Introductory Sociology	50	3	COURSE: Sociology 1*	D0	3	3
Natural Sciences	50	3	GE: Natural Science Area I DEGREE: General Science: Group B or C	B1 or B2	3	3
Pre-Calculus	50	3	COURSE: Mathematics 2*	B4	3	3
Principles of Accounting	50	3	N/A	N/A	0	0
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	COURSE: Economics 2*	D2	3	3
Principles of Management	50	3	COURSE: Business 65*	N/A	0	3
Principles of Marketing	50	3	COURSE: Business 20*	N/A	0	3
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	COURSE: Economics 1*	D2	3	3
Social Sciences and History	50	3	GE: Social Science: Group B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group B	N/A	0	0
Spanish (max of 10 units awarded) Level I	50	5	N/A	N/A	0	6

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Spanish (max of 10 units awarded) Level II	50	10	COURSE: Spanish 1*	C2	3 (effective Fall 2019 or later)	9
Trigonometry	50			B4	3	3
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	C2 or D6	3	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	D6	3	3

*Students should be aware that CLEP credit is evaluated by corresponding it to the equivalent SMC course. Example: Biology 3. A student who receives CLEP credit for “Biology” and then takes the equivalent SMC course will have the unit credit for such duplication deducted prior to being awarded the degree.

Credit by Exam: International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams

Note: All exams must be Higher Level (HL)

A score of 5, 6, or 7 on Higher Level (HL) exams is required to grant credit for IGETC certification.

An acceptable IB score for IGETC equates to either 3 semester/4 quarter units for certification purposes.

For transfer purposes, UC will grant 5.3 semester/8 quarter units for each IB exam completed with a score of 5, 6, or 7 on HL exams.

CSU also grants unit credit for transfer purposes of IB HL exams.

Students who have earned credit for an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will NOT be granted for both.

Students may earn credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) exams with scores listed below for Higher Level (HL) exams.

IB credit can be used to meet the SMC GE requirements. An acceptable IB score is equivalent to 3 semester units or 4 quarter units.

UC and CSU campuses may award more units in transfer.

IB credit granted at SMC may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam	Minimum Score for SMC and CSU	SMC GE Area	Units Toward SMC Degree	CSU Semester Credits Earned	CSU GE Credits	CSU GE Area	Minimum Score for IGETC	IGETC Area	IGETC Units
IB Biology	5	I	3	6	3	B2	5	5B (w/o lab)	3
IB Chemistry	5	I	3	6	3	B1	5	5A (w/o lab)	3
IB Economics	5	II B	3	6	3	D2	5	4B	3
IB Geography	5	II B	3	6	3	D5	5	4E	3
IB History (any region)	5	II B	3	6	3	C2 or D6	5	3B or 4F	3
IB History (U.S.)	5	II A or II B	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
IB Language A – Literature (any language)	4	HUM	3	6	3	C2	5	3B and 6A	3

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam	Minimum Score for SMC and CSU	SMC GE Area	Units Toward SMC Degree	CSU Semester Credits Earned	CSU GE Credits	CSU GE Area	Minimum Score for IGETC	IGETC Area	IGETC Units
except English)									
IB Language A – Language and Literature (any language except English)	4	HUM	3	6	3	C2	5	3B and 6A	3
IB Language A1 – Literature (any language)	4	HUM	3	6	3	C2 (if completed prior to fall 2013)	5	3B	3
IB Language A2 – Language and Literature (any language)	4	HUM	3	6	3	C2 (if completed prior to fall 2013)	5	3B	3
IB Language A1 (any language)	4	III	3	6	3	C2 (if completed prior to fall 2013)	5	3B	3
IB Language A2 (any language)	4	III	3	6	3	C2 (if completed prior to fall 2013)	5	3B	3
IB Language B (any language)	4	III	3	6	0	N/A	5	6A	3
IB Mathematics	4	IV B	3	6	3	B4	5	2	3
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches	4	4B	3	6	3	B4	3	2A	3
IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation	4	4B	3	6	3	B4	N/A	N/A	N/A
IB Physics	5	I	3	6	3	B1	5	5A (w/o)	3
IB Psychology	5	II B	3	6	3	D9	5	4I	3
IB Theatre	4	III	3	6	3	C1	5	N/A	N/A