

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT FOR VENTURA COLLEGE, AND CAL-GETC

Advanced Placement Examinations for Ventura Programs

Ventura College faculty has determined passing scores and, when appropriate, certification areas for General Education and course equivalency of Advanced Placement (AP) examinations as provided below.

- students who earn scores of 3, 4 or 5 on the College Board AP Examinations taken before high school graduation will receive credit for each exam as specified in the table below.
- An acceptable AP score equates to 3-semester units for GE certification purposes, except where noted otherwise.
- Students who have earned credit for an AP exam and take a comparable course listed on this AP chart, will **not** be granted credit for both.
- Credits awarded for AP exams shall not impact a student's GPA, nor can the units earned be used toward financial aid or the 12 unit residency requirement.
- Units granted for AP will not be subject to the unit limits for Credit for Prior Learning or Pass/No Pass grading which otherwise apply within the district.
- Ventura College course equivalents listed on this AP chart are for Associate degree (AA/AS) majors. Each CSU and UC campus determines which, if any, specific course equivalency will be granted toward major requirements of their bachelor's degree programs. Students planning to transfer should consult with a college counselor and review the AP policy of their intended transfer institution to determine if they will be granted credit after transfer for the Ventura College course equivalent listed, if that course is required in their major. If their intended transfer institution will not grant the same course credit, the student should plan to take the course at Ventura College instead.

Advanced Placement Exam	Total Units Earned Toward AA/AS (GE, Major, Electives)	Units Earned toward GE	GE Area(s)	Course Equivalent
African American Studies	3	0	N/A	N/A
2-D Art and Design	3	0	N/A	ART V11A
3D Art and Design	3	0	N/A	ART V19
Art History	6	3	3	ARTH C1100
Drawing	3	0	N/A	ART V12A
Studio Art Exam Limitation	Maximum AP credit granted: no more than 6 units for all Studio Art exams			

Biology	6	4	5	BIOL C1001 and BIOL C1001L
Calculus AB (score of 3)	3	3	2	MATH V46
Calculus AB (score of 4, 5)	3	3	2	MATH C2210
Calculus BC (score of 3)	6	3	2	MATH C2210
Calculus BC (score of 4, 5)	6	3	2	MATH C2210 and MATH C2220
Calculus BC/AB Subscore	3	3	2	N/A
Calculus Exam Limitation	Maximum AP credit granted: no more than one of the Calculus exams			
Chemistry (score of 3)	6	4	5	CHEM V101
Chemistry (score of 4,5)	6	4	5	CHEM V120A
Chinese Language and Culture	6	3	3	N/A
Comparative Government & Politics	3	3	4	POLS V02
Computer Science A	3	0	N/A	N/A
Computer Science AB - No longer offered	6	0	N/A	N/A
Computer Science Principles	6	0		N/A
CS Exam Limitation	Maximum AP credit granted: no more than one of the Computer Science exams			
English Language OR English Language and Composition	6	3	1A	ENGL C1000
English Literature OR English Literature and Composition	6	6	1A + 1B	ENGL C1000 and ENGL C1003
Environmental Science	4	4	5	ESRM V02
European History	6	3	3 or 4	HIST V70 and HIST V82
French Language and Culture	6	3	3	FREN V01 and FREN V02

French Language (prior to Fall 2009)	6	6	3	FREN V01 and FREN V02
German Language and Culture	6	3	3	GERM V01 and GERM V02
German Language (prior to Fall 2009)	6	6	3	GERM V01 and GERM V02
Human Geography	3	3	4	GEOG V02
Italian Language and Culture	6	3	3	ITAL V01 and ITAL V02
Japanese Language and Culture	6	3	3	JAPN V01 and JAPN V02
Latin	6	3	3	N/A
Latin Literature (prior to Fall 2009)	6	3	3	N/A
Latin: Virgil (prior to Fall 2012)	3	3	3	N/A
Macroeconomics	3	3	4	ECON C2002
Microeconomics	3	3	4	ECON C2001
Music Theory (prior to Fall 2009)	6	3	3	MUS V01
Physics 1	4	4	5	PHYS V02A and PHYS V02AL
Physics 1: Algebra-based	4	4	5	PHYS V02A and PHYS V02AL
Physics 2	4	4	5	PHYS V02B and PHYS V02BL
Physics 2: Algebra-based	4	4	5	PHYS V02B and PHYS V02BL
Physics C (Electricity/Magnetism)	4	4	5	PHYS V05 and PHYS V05L
Physics C (Mechanics)	4	4	5	PHYS V04 and PHYS V04L
Physics Exam Limitations	Maximum AP credit granted: no more than 6 units for all Physics exams			
Precalculus	6	3	2	MATH V20
Psychology Seminar	3	3	4	PSYC C1000
Spanish Language and Culture	3	0	N/A	N/A
Spanish Language and Culture	6	3	3	SPAN V01 and SPAN V02

Spanish Language (prior to Spring 2014)	6	3	3	SPAN V01 and SPAN V02
Spanish Literature and Culture	6	3	3	SPAN V03 and SPAN V04
Spanish Literature (prior to Spring 2013)	6	3	3	SPAN V03 and SPAN V04
Statistics	3	3	2	STAT C1000 or PSY V04
U.S. Government and Politics	3	3	4	POLS C1000
U.S. History	6	3	4	HIST C1001 and HIST C1002
World History	6	3	3 or 4	HIST V76 and HIST V86
World History: Modern	3	3	3 or 4	HIST V86

¹ AP exam may be used in either area (but not both) regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

Advanced Placement Examinations for UC Transfer and Cal-GETC

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations will receive credit toward graduation. The individual CSU and UC campus will determine how each AP exam will be awarded and applied in meeting major, elective, and/or graduation requirements. Refer to their catalog, website, and/or ASSIST (<https://www.assist.org/>) website for more information.

For transfer students, AP exams can also be used to meet transfer admission subject requirements in English (UC-E), Math (UC-M) and 4 other courses chosen from the humanities (UC-H), behavioral/social sciences (UC-B) and biological/physical sciences (UC-S).

Rules for Using AP Scores Credit for Transfer and Cal-GETC

1. A minimum score of 3 is required to grant credit for Cal-GETC certification. Cal-GETC certification does not determine applicability towards meeting program requirements at the receiving institution.
2. Students who have earned credit from an AP exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.
3. There is no equivalent AP exam for Cal-GETC Area 1B (*Critical Thinking and Composition*).
4. Students earning a score of 3, 4 or 5 in a Physical or Biological science AP examination earn credit toward Cal-GETC Area 5A (*Physical Science*) or 5B (*Biological Science*) and also meet the Cal-GETC 5C (*Laboratory*) requirement. With this exception, each AP exam may only be applied to one Cal-GETC area.
5. Where more than one area of Cal-GETC is possible (cf., 3B or 4) the AP exam may be used in either area (either Cal-GETC Area 3B or Cal-

GETC Area 4) regardless of where the certifying CCC's comparable course is located.

6. Generally, an acceptable AP score for Cal-GETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.

- An exception is that AP exams in Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, or Physics 2 allow CCC campuses to apply 4 semester or 5 quarter units to Cal-GETC Area 5 certification.
- AP exams in Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism only allow CCC campuses to apply 3 semester or 4 quarter units to Cal-GETC certification.

7. AP exams that have been discontinued are not shown on the table below. A student with catalog rights may be able to use the now discontinued exam if accepted under the comparable area of IGETC or under Cal-GETC at the time the exam was taken.

8. There is no limit on the number of external exams that can be applied to Cal-GETC. External exams may be used regardless of when the exam was taken.

9. Units granted for AP tests are not counted toward the maximum number of credits required for formal declaration of a major or the maximum number of units a student may accumulate before graduation. Students who enter UC with AP credit do not have to declare a major earlier than other students, nor are they required to graduate earlier.

10. Actual AP transfer credit (including possible differences in units to be awarded beyond those used for Cal-GETC certification) awarded for these and other AP exams at admission is determined by the CSU and UC.

- The UC Policy for AP Exams credits (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/>)
- The CSU system-wide minimums policy (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/17947386/latest/>) governing the use of these and other AP exams for awarding general education.

Advanced Placement Exam (AP Exam)	Total Units Earned toward UC Admission (qtr/sem)	Units Earned toward Cal-GETC Certification (qtr/sem)	Cal-GETC Area(s)
African American Studies	4/2.6	TBD	TBD
Art and Design: 2D	8/5.3	0	n/a
Art and Design: 3D	8/5.3	0	n/a
Art and Design: Drawing	8/5.3	0	n/a
Art and Design Exam Limitations	Maximum Credit: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units for all three Art and Design exams	0	n/a
Art History (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3A or 3B ¹
Biology (UC-S)	8/5.3	5/4	5B and 5C ²

Calculus AB (UC-M)	4/2.6	4/3	2
Calculus BC (UC-M)	8/5.3	4/3	2
Calculus BC/AB Subscore	4/2.6	4/3	2
Calculus Exam Limitations	Maximum Credit: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units		
Chemistry (UC-S)	8/5.3	5/4	5A and 5C ²
Computer Science A	8/5.3	0	n/a
Computer Science Principles	8/5.3	0	n/a
English: Language and Composition (UC-E)*	8/5.3	4/3	1A
English: Literature and Composition (UC-E/H)*	8/5.3	4/3	1A or 3B ¹
English Exam Limitations*	Maximum Credit: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units for both exams. Only one of the two English courses required for transfer admission may be satisfied with an AP exam.		
Environmental Science (UC-S)	4/2.6	4/3	5A and 5C ³
Government & Politics (UC-B): Comparative	4/2.6	4/3	4
Government & Politics (UC-B): United States	4/2.6	4/3	(4 and US-2). The AP does not grant credit for US-3.
History: European (UC-B/H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B or 4 ¹
History: Modern World (UC-B/H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B or 4 ¹
History: United States (UC-B/H)	8/5.3	4/3	(3B or 4) ¹ and US-1
Human Geography (UC-B)	4/2.6	4/3	4
LOTE: Chinese Language & Culture (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE
LOTE: French Language & Culture (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE

LOTE: German Language & Culture (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE
LOTE: Italian Language & Culture (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE
LOTE: Japanese Language & Culture (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE
LOTE: Latin (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE
LOTE: Spanish Language & Culture (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE
LOTE: Spanish Literature & Culture (UC-H)	8/5.3	4/3	3B and LOTE
LOTE Exam Limitations	Maximum Credit: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units for each exam		
Macroeconomics (UC-B)	4/2.6	4/3	4
Microeconomics (UC-B)	4/2.6	4/3	4
Music Theory	8/5.3	0	n/a
Physics 1: Algebra-Based (UC-S)	8.5.3	5/4	5A and 5C ²
Physics 2: Algebra-Based (UC-S)	8/5.3	5/4	5A and 5C ²
Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism (UC-S)	4/2.6	4/3	5A and 5C ³
Physics C: Mechanics (UC-S)	4/2.6	4/3	5A and 5C ³
Physics Exam Limitations	Maximum Credit: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units for all exams		
Psychology (UC-B)	4/2.6	4/3	4
Statistics (UC-M)	4/2.6	4/3	2

- The UC Policy for AP credits (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/>)
- The 2025 Cal-GETC Standards, Policies, and Procedures (https://icas-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Cal-GETC_Standards_1v3_Final_r-2.pdf), Version 1.3

¹ AP exam may be used in either area of the Cal-GETC (but not both) regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

² AP exams in Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, or Physics 2 allow CCC campuses to apply 4 semester or 5 quarter units to Cal-GETC certification.

³ AP exams in Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism only allow CCC campuses to apply 3 semester or 4 quarter units to Cal-GETC certification.

Reference: