

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 Cal-GETC, IGETC, CSU GE, and SMC Associate degree (majors and/or GE) requirements. **IGETC and CSU GE are only available to students who have maintained catalog rights.**

- AP credit granted at SMC does **NOT** reflect credit granted by a transfer institution.
- AP credit must be used in the Cal-GETC 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 | CAL-GETC |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| African American Studies | No course equivalency GE Social & Behavioral Science 3 semester units | N/A | 3 semester units | N/A | 4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units | N/A |
| Art History | AHIS 1 plus 3 elective units = 6 units: only 3 GE units Fulfills Global Citizen requirement | Area C1 or C2 3 semester units | 6 semester units | Area 3A or 3B 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3A or 3B 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 | Area 5B and 5C 4 semester units |
| Calculus AB | Score of 3, 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** | Area 2A 3 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** | Area 2A 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 | Area B1 and B3 4 semester units | 6 semester units | Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units |
| Chinese Language & Culture | CHNESE 3 GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 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 | Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units |
| Comparative Government and Politics | Social and Behavioral Sciences 3 semester units | Area D8 3 semester units | 3 semester units | Area 4 3 semester units | 4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units | Area 4 Group 14 3 semester units |
| Computer Science A | Score of 3 or 4: CS 55 Score of 5: CS 55 and CS 56 | N/A | 3 semester units | N/A | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units (May 2018 or later) | N/A |

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| 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*** | N/A |
| 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 | N/A |
| AP COMPUTER SCIENCE EXAM LIMITATIONS | *Maximum credit for both exam is 6 semester units | | **Maximum one exam may be used toward transfer | | ***Maximum credit for both exam is 4 quarter/ 2.6 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 | Area 4 Group 6 3 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 | Area 4 Group 6 3 semester units |
| English – Language & Composition | ENGL C1000 (formerly 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* | Area 1A 3 semester units |
| English Literature | 6 GE units | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| English – Literature & Composition | ENGL C1000 (formerly 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* | Area 1A or 3B 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 | Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units |
| French Language & Culture | FRENCH 3 3 elective units = 6 units; only 3 GE units Fulfills Global Citizenship | Area C2 3 semester units | 6 semester units | Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3B 3 semester units |
| French Literature & Culture | No course equivalency GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 units Fulfills Global Citizenship | Area C2 3 semester units | 6 semester units | Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3B 3 semester units |
| German Language & Culture | GERMAN 3 GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 units Fulfills Global Citizenship | Area C2 3 semester units | 6 semester units | Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3B 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 | Area 4 Group 14 3 semester units |

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| Government & Politics – U.S. | POLS C1000 (formerly 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 | Area 4 Group 14 3 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 | Area 3B or 4 Group 10 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 | Area 3B or 4 Group 10 3 semester units |
| History – World | HIST 34 plus 3 elective units = 6 units; only 3 GE units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement | Area C2 or D6 3 semester units | 6 semester units | Area 3B or 4F 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3B or 4 Group 10 3 semester units |
| History World – Modern | HIST 34 | Area C2 or D6 3 semester units | 3 semester units | Area 3B or 4 | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester | Area 3B or 4 Group 10 3 semester units |
| 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 | Area 4 Group 8 3 semester units |
| Italian Language & Culture | ITAL 3 GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 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 | Area 3B 3 semester units |
| Japanese Language & Culture | JAPAN 3 GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 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 | Area 3B 3 semester units |
| Latin | No course equivalency – GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement | Area C2 3 semester units | 3 semester units | Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3B 3 semester units |

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| Latin Literature | No course equivalence – GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement | Area C2 (if completed prior to Fall 2009) 3 semester units | 6 semester units | Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3B 3 semester units |
| Latin Vergil | No course equivalency – GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement | Area C2 (if completed prior to Fall 2012) 3 semester units | 3 semester units | Area 3B and 6A 3 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | Area 3B 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 (if completed prior to Fall 2009) 3 semester units | 6 semester units | N/A | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | N/A |
| Physics B | PHYSICS 14 4 GE units | Area B1 and B3 (if completed prior to Fall 2013) 4 semester units* | 6 semester units* | Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units** | Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units |
| Physics C – Mechanics | PHYSICS 6 4 semester units; Cannot be used for placement into PHYSICS 7 | Area B1 and B 3 4 semester units* | 4 semester units* | Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units | 4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units** | Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units |
| Physics C – Electricity & Magnetism | PHYSICS 7 4 semester units | Area B1 and B 3 4 semester units* | 4 semester units* | Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units | 4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units** | Area 5A and 5C 3 semester units |
| Physics 1: Algebra-based | PHYSICS 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** | Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units |
| Physics 2: Algebra-based | PHYSICS 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** | Area 5A and 5C 4 semester units |
| AP PHYSICS EXAM LIMITATIONS | | | *Maximum 4 semester units toward GE and 6 semester units toward transfer | | | **Maximum credit for 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 | N/A |
| Psychology | PSYC C1000 (formerly PSYCH 1) 3 semester units | Area D9 3 semester units | 3 semester units | Area 4I 3 semester units | 4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units | Area 4 Group 15 3 semester units |
| Research as an Exam | Elective 3 semester units | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Seminar | N/A | N/A | 3 semester units | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| Spanish Language & Culture | SPAN 3 GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 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 | Area 3B 3 semester units |
| Spanish Literature & Culture | No course equivalency – GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 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 | Area 3B 3 semester units |
| Statistics | STAT C1000 (formerly <i>MATH 54</i>) 4 semester units | Area B4 3 semester units | 3 semester units | Area 2 3 semester units | 4 quarter/ 2.6 semester units | Area 2 3 semester units |
| Studio Art 2D Design | No course equivalency (credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review) –for GE Humanities and Liberal Arts AA: Arts and Humanities Group A Group 1 3 semester units | N/A | 3 semester units | N/A | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | N/A |
| Studio 3D Design | No course equivalency (credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review) – Credit for GE Humanities and Liberal Arts AA: Arts and Humanities Group A Group 1 3 semester units | N/A | 3 semester units | N/A | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | N/A |
| Studio Art Drawing | No course equivalency (credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review) – Credit for GE Humanities and Liberal Arts AA: Arts and Humanities Group A Group 1 3 semester units | N/A | 3 semester units | N/A | 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | N/A |
| AP STUDIO ART EXAM LIMITATIONS | | | | | *Maximum credit for 3 exam is 8 quarter/ 5.3 semester units | |