

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 <i>POL SC 1</i>) 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 (<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	Area 3B 3 semester units
Latin Vergil	No course equivalency – GE Humanities 3 + 3 elective units = 6 units Fulfills Global Citizenship requirement	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	Area 3B 3 semester units
Music Theory	Score of 3: No course equivalence – 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	N/A
Physics B	PHYSICS 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**	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 MATH 54) 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 <i>(credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review)</i> – 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 <i>(credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review)</i> – 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 <i>(credit for the Associate Degree major may be granted upon petition to the Art Dept. and portfolio review)</i> – 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