

Advanced Placement Guide

Advanced Placement (AP) exams with a minimum score of 3 can be used toward associate degree requirements, CSU admission and GE certification requirements, and UC admission and IGETC certification requirements.

Advanced Placement Exam	MCC Course(s) Maximum AA/AS Units*	MiraCosta GE Area	CSU GE Certification Area/Semester Units**	CSU Minimum Admission Semester Units**	IGETC Certification Area/Semester Units***	UC Admission Semester Units***
AP Seminar	3 units	N/A	N/A	3 units	N/A	N/A
Art History	ART 258 and ART 259 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C1 or C2 3 units	6 units	Area 3A or 3B 3 units	5.3 units
Biology	BIO 110 or BIO 111 and BIO 111L 6 units	Area 5 4 units	Areas B2 and B3 4 units	6 units	Area 5B/5C 4 units	5.3 units
Calculus AB	MATH 150 3 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2 3 units	Area B4 3 units	3 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2A 3 units	2.6 units (5.3 units max credit for Calculus AP exams)
Calculus BC	MATH 150 and MATH 155 6 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2 3 units	Area B4 3 units	6 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2A 3 units	5.3 units (max credit for Calculus AP exams)

Calculus BC/AB Subscore	N/A 3 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2 3 units	Area B4 3 units	3 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2A 3 units	2.6 units (5.3 unit max credit for Calculus AP exams)
Chemistry	CHEM 150 (only if score of 4 or 5) 6 units	Area 5 4 units	Areas B1 and B3 4 units	6 units	Area 5A/5C 4 units	5.3 units
Chinese Language and Culture	N/A 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 3 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6 3 units	5.3 units
Computer Science A	CS 111 3 units	N/A	N/A	3 units (only one CS AP exam applied to degree)	N/A	5.3 units
Computer Science AB	No course equivalent units	N/A	N/A	6 units	N/A	N/A
Computer Science Principles	CS 101 3 units (only one CS AP exam applied to degree)	N/A	Area B4 3 units	6 units (only one CS AP exam applied to degree)	N/A	5.3 units
Economic Macroec	ECON 100 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area D 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	2.6 units
Economic Microeconomics	ECON 102 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area D 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	2.6 units
English: Language and Composition	ENGL 100 6 units	Area 1A 3 units	Area A2 3 units	6 units	Area 1A 3 units	5.3 units (max credit for English AP exams)
English: Literature and Composition	ENGL 100 and LIT elective 6 units	Area 1A 3 units Area 3 3 units	Areas A2 and C2 6 units	6 units	Area 1A or 3B 3 units	5.3 units (max credit for English AP exams)

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Environment Science	N/A 4 units	Area 5 4 units	Areas B1 and B3 4 units	4 units	Area 5A/5C 3 units (7 units required for Area 5)	2.6 units
French Language and Culture	FREN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 3 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6 3 units	5.3 units
German Language and Culture	GRMN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 3 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6 3 units	5.3 units
Geography (Human)	GEOG 102 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area D 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	2.6 units
Government and Politics: Comparative	PLSC 103 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area D 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	2.6 units
Government and Politics: United States+	PLSC 102 3 units	Area 4 Max 3 units	Areas D and US-2 CSU AI requirement 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	2.6 units
History: European	HIST 104 6 units	Area 3 Max 3 units	Area C2 or D 3 units	6 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	5.3 units
History: United States+	HIST 110 and HIST 111 6 units	Area 4 Max 3 units	Area C2 or D and US-1 CSU AI requirement 3 units	6 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	5.3 units
Italian Language and Culture	ITAL 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 3 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6 3 units	5.3 units
Japanese Language and Culture	JAPN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 3 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6 3 units	5.3 units
Latin	N/A 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 3 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6A 3 units	5.3 units
Music Theory	MUS 101 6 units	No GE	N/A	6 units	N/A	5.3 units

Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	PHYS 152 4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas B1 and B3 4 units (maximum GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5A/5C 3 units	2.6 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)
Physics C: Mechanics	PHYS 151 4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas B1 and B3 4 units (maximum GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5A/5C 3 units	2.6 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)
Physics 1	PHYS 111 4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas B1 and B3 4 units (maximum GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5A/5C 4 units	5.3 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)
Physics 2	PHYS 112 4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas B1 and B3 4 units (maximum GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units (6 units maximum credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5A/5C 4 units	5.3 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)
Pre- Calculus	MATH 12 3 units	Area 2 3 units	Area B4 3 units	3 units	N/A	N/A
Psychology	PSYC 101 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area D 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	2.6 units
Spanish Language and Culture	SPAN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 6 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6 3 units	5.3 units
Spanish Literature and Culture	SPAN 202 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area C2 6 units	6 units	Areas 3B and 6 3 units	5.3 units

Statistics	BTEC 180 BUS 204, MATH 10, PSYC 104 PSYC 104 or SOC 125 3 units	Area 2 3 units	Area B4 3 units	3 units	Area 2A 3 units	2.6 units
Studio Art (2-D Design, 3-D Design, Drawing)	N/A 3 units	N/A	N/A	3 units per exam	N/A	5.3 units per exam
World History	HIST 100 or HIST 101 3 units	Area 3 or 4 Max 3 units	Area C2 or D 3 units	6 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	5.3 units
World History: Modern	HIST 100 or HIST 101 3 units	Area 3 or 4 Max 3 units	Area C2 or D 3 units	3 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	5.3 units

+ This examination only partially fulfills the CSU American Institutions graduation requirement but can be used toward the requirement.

NOTE: This chart reflects the current exams offered by the College Board that have been designated as accepted by UC/CSU at the time of this publication. If a student submits scores from exams not listed on this chart, MiraCosta will apply the UC/CSU credit that was awarded at the time the exam was taken toward general education and associate degree requirements.

*** MCC Advanced Placement Policies**

The AP exams listed above may be applied for course and unit credit toward the MiraCosta College associate degree requirements.

****CSU Advanced Placement Policies**

The AP exams listed above may be incorporated into certification of CSU General Education-breadth requirements. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown if the examination is included in full or subject area certification; individual CSU campuses may choose to accept more units than those specified towards completion of general education breadth requirements. The CSU Minimum Admission Semester Units column reflects the minimum number of units all CSU campuses will accept toward CSU admission. Each campus in the California State University system determines how it will apply credits earned by external examinations toward the degree major. (See <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/advanced-placement-ap.aspx>.)

*** UC Advanced Placement Policies**

Each AP exam may be applied to one IGETC area as satisfying one course requirement, with the exception of Language Other Than English (LOTE). The last column reflects the minimum number of units all University of California campuses will accept toward UC admission. Each campus in the California State University system determines how it will apply credits earned by external examinations toward the degree major. (See <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/>.)