

# Advanced Placement Guide

Advanced Placement (AP) exams with a minimum score of 3 can be used toward associate degree requirements, Cal-GETC Certification requirements, and CSU and UC admission requirements.

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. AP exams that have been discontinued are not shown on this table. 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. 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.

Advanced Placement Exam	MCC Course(s) Maximum AA/AS Units*	MiraCosta GE Area	Cal-GETC Certification Area/ Semester Units**	CSU Minimum Admission Semester Units**	UC Admission Semester Units***
African American Studies	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 units	2.6 units
AP Seminar	3 units	N/A	N/A	3 units	N/A
Art History	ART 258 and ART 259 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3A or 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Biology	BIO 110 or BIO 111 and BIO 111L 6 units	Area 5 4 units	Areas 5B and 5C 4 units	6 units	5.3 units
Calculus AB	MATH 150 3 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2 3 units	Area 2 3 units	3 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	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 2 3 units	6 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	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 2 3 units	3 units (only one Calculus AP exam applied to degree)	2.6 units (5.3 units max credit for Calculus AP exams)
Chemistry	CHEM 150 (only if score of 4 or 5) 6 units	Area 5 4 units	Areas 5A and 5C 4 units	6 units	5.3 units
Chinese Language and Culture	N/A 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Comparative Government and Politics	POLS 103 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units
Computer Science A	CS 111 3 units	N/A	N/A	3 units (only one CS AP exam applied to degree)	5.3 units
Computer Science AB	N/A 6 units	N/A	N/A	6 units	N/A
Computer Science Principles	CS 101 3 units (only one CS AP exam applied to degree)	Area 2 3 units	N/A	6 units (only one CS AP exam applied to degree)	5.3 units
English Language and Composition	ENGL C10 6 units	Area 1A 3 units	Area 1A 3 units	6 units	5.3 units (max credit for English AP exams)

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English Literature and Composition	ENGL C100 and LIT elective 6 units	Areas 1A and 3 6 units	Areas 1A or 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units (max credit for English AP exams)
Environmental Science	N/A 4 units	Area 5 4 units	Areas 5A and 5C 4 units	4 units	2.6 units
European History	HIST 104 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
French Language and Culture	FREN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
German Language and Culture	GRMN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Human Geography	GEOG 102 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units
Italian Language and Culture	ITAL 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Japanese Language and Culture	JAPN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Latin	N/A 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Microeconomics	ECON 101 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units
Microeconomics	ECON 102 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units
Music Theory	MUS 111 6 units	N/A	N/A	6 units	5.3 units
Physics 1: Algebra-Based	PHYS 111 4 units (6 units max credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas 5A and 5C 4 units (max GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units (6 units max credit for Physics AP exams)	5.3 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)
Physics 2: Algebra-Based	PHYS 112 4 units (6 units max credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas 5A and 5C 4 units (max GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units (6 units max credit for Physics AP exams)	5.3 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)

Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	PHYS 152 4 units (6 units max credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas 5A and 5C 4 units (max GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units (6 units max credit for Physics AP exams)	2.6 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)
Physics C: Mechanics	PHYS 151 4 units (6 units max credit for Physics AP exams)	Area 5 4 units	Areas 5A and 5C 4 units (max GE credit for Physics AP exams)	4 units	2.6 units (5.3 units max credit for Physics AP exams)
Pre-Calculus	MATH 126 3 units	Area 2 3 units	N/A	3 units	N/A
Psychology	PSYC C100 or PSYC C100 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units
Spanish Language and Culture	SPAN 201 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Spanish Literature and Culture	SPAN 202 6 units	Area 3 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
Statistics	BTEC 180, BUS 204, PSYC 104, PSYC 104H, SOC 125, STAT C1000, STAT C1000E, or STAT C1000H 3 units	Area 2 3 units	Area 2 3 units	3 units	2.6 units
Studio Art (2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Drawing)	N/A 3 units	N/A	N/A	3 units per exam	5.3 units per exam (5.3 units max credit for all three exams)
US Government and Politics+	POLS C100 3 units	Area 4 3 units	Area 4 and US-2 CSU AI requirement 3 units	3 units	2.6 units

US History +	HIST 110 and HIST 111 6 units	Area 4 3 units	Area 3B or 4 and US-1 CSU AI requirement 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
World History	HIST 100 or HIST 101 3 units	Area 3 or 4 3 units	N/A	6 units	5.3 units
World History: Modern	HIST 100 or HIST 101 3 units	Area 3 or 4 3 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	3 units	5.3 units

**\* MCC Advanced Placement Policies**

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

**\* CSU Advanced Placement Policies**

The listed AP exams may be incorporated into certification of California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC). All California State University (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. The CSU Minimum Admission Semester Units column reflects the minimum number of units all CSU campuses will accept toward CSU admission. Each CSU campus 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**

The listed AP exams may be incorporated into certification of California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC). The last column reflects the minimum number of units all University of California (UC) campuses will accept toward UC admission. Each UC campus 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/>.)

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