

CSU SYSTEMWIDE CREDIT FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

(as of March 2025)

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Tests	Passing Score	Minimum Semester Credits Earned ¹	Semester Credits Toward GE Breadth Certification	American Institutions and/or GE Breadth Area ²	Removal Date for GE Breadth ³
Art History	3	6	3	C1 or C2	
Biology	3	6	4	B2 and B3	
Calculus AB ⁴	3	3	3	B4	
Calculus BC ⁴	3	6	3	B4	
Calculus BC/AB Subscore ⁴	3	3	3	B4	
Chemistry	3	6	6	B1 and B3	F'09
Chemistry	3	6	4	B1 and B3	
Chinese Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
Comparative Government and Politics	3	3	3	D	
Computer Science A ⁴	3	3	0	N/A	
Computer Science AB ⁴	3	6	0	N/A	
Computer Science Principles	3	6	3	B4	
English Language and Composition	3	6	3	A2	
English Literature and Composition	3	6	6	A2 and C2	
Environmental Science ⁵	3	4	4	B2 and B3	F'09
Environmental Science ^{5,7}	3	4	4	B1 and B3	
European History	3	6	3	C2 or D	
French Language	3	6	6	C2	F'09
French Language	3	6	3	C2	F'11

French Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
French Literature	3	6	3	C2	F'09
German Language	3	6	6	C2	F'09
German Language	3	6	3	C2	F'11
German Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
Human Geography	3	3	3	D	
Italian Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
Japanese Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
Latin Literature	3	6	3	C2	F'09
Latin	3	6	3	C2	
Latin: Vergil	3	3	3	C2	F'12
Macroeconomics	3	3	3	D	
Microeconomics	3	3	3	D	
Music Theory	3	6	3	C1	F'09
Physics B ⁶	3	6	6	B1 and B3	F'09
Physics B ⁶	3	6	4	B1 and B3	F'15
Physics 1 ⁶	3	4	4	B1 and B3	
Physics 2 ⁶	3	4	4	B1 and B3	
Physics C (electricity/magnetism)	3	4	4	B1 and B3	
Physics C (mechanics) ⁶	3	4	4	B1 and B3	
Pre-Calculus	3	3	3	B4	
Psychology	3	3	3	D	
Seminar	3	3	0	N/A	
Spanish Language	3	6	6	C2	S'14
Spanish Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
Spanish Literature	3	6	6	C2	S'13
Spanish Literature and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
Statistics	3	3	3	B4	
Studio Art — 2D Design	3	3	0	N/A	

Studio Art – 3D Design	3	3	0	N/A
Studio Art – Drawing	3	3	0	N/A
U.S. Government & Politics	3	3	3	D and US-2
U.S. History	3	6	3	(C2 or D) and US-1
World History - Modern	3	3	3	C2 or D

- ¹ These units count toward eligibility for admission. The units may not apply towards Associate Degrees for Transfer (AD-T) or the Baccalaureate Degree. The units may not all apply toward certification of the corresponding GE-Breadth area. See Executive Orders 1036 and 1100 REVISED for details.
- ² Areas of GE Breadth (A1 through E) are defined in EO 1100 REVISED. Areas of American Institutions (US-1 through US-3) are set forth in Sections IA and IB of EO 1061, and at assist.org.
- ³ Student seeking certification in GE Breadth prior to transfer must have passed the test before this date.
- ⁴ If a student passes more than one AP exam in calculus or computer science, only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate.
- ⁵ Students who pass AP Environmental Science earn 4 units of credit. Tests prior to Fall 2009 may apply to either B1+B3 or B2+B3 of GE Breadth. Fall of 09 or later, those credits may only apply to B1+B3.
- ⁶ If a student passes more than one AP exam in physics, only six units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate, and only four units of credit may be applied to a certification in GE Breadth.
- ⁷ CSU Credit for Prior Learning Policy (Article 1, B, 2, c): Credit for passage of standardized examinations shall not be awarded if equivalent degree credit has been previously earned for regular coursework, prior learning assessment, or other instructional processes”.

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College Level Examination Program (for CSU only)	Passing Score	Minimum Semester Credits Earned ¹	Semester Credits Toward GE Breadth Certification ²	American Institutions and/or GE Breadth Area ²	Removal Date for GE Breadth ³
American Government	50	3	3	D	
American Literature	50	3	3	C2	
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	3	C2	
Biology	50	3	3	B2	
Calculus	50	3	3	B4	
Chemistry	50	3	3	B1	

College Algebra	50	3	3	B4	
College Algebra – Trigonometry	50	3	3	B4	
College Composition	50	0	0	N/A	
College Composition – Modular	50	0	0	N/A	
College Mathematics	50	0	0	N/A	
English Composition (no essay)	50	0	0	N/A	
English Composition with Essay	50	0	0	N/A	
English Literature	50	3	3	C2	F'11
Financial Accounting	50	3	0	N/A	
French ³ Level I	50	6	0	N/A	
French ³ Level II	59	12	3	C2	F'15
French ³ Level II	59	9	3	C2	
Freshman College Composition	50	0	0	N/A	
German ³ Level I	50	6	0	N/A	
German ³ Level II	60	12	3	C2	F'15
German ³ Level II	60	9	3	C2	
History, United States I	50	3	3	D and US-1	
History, United States II	50	3	3	D and US-1	
Human Growth and Development	50	3	3	E	
Humanities	50	3	3	C2	
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	0	N/A	
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	0	N/A	

Introductory Business Law	50	3	0	N/A
Introductory Psychology	50	3	3	D
Introductory Sociology	50	3	3	D
Natural Sciences	50	3	3	B1 or B2
Pre-Calculus	50	3	3	B4
Principles of Accounting	50	3	0	N/A
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	3	D
Principles of Management	50	3	0	N/A
Principles of Marketing	50	3	0	N/A
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	3	D
Social Sciences and History	50	0	0	N/A
Spanish ³ Level I	50	6	0	N/A
Spanish ³ Level II	63	12	3	C2 F'15
Spanish ³ Level II	63	9	3	C2
Trigonometry	50	3	3	B4 F'06
Western Civilization I	50	3	3	C2 or D
Western Civilization II	50	3	3	D

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- ² Areas of GE Breadth (A1 through E) are defined in EO 1100 REVISED. Areas of American Institutions (US-1 through US-3) are set forth in Sections 1A and 1B of EO 1061, and at assist.org.
- ³ If a student passes more than 1 CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each test in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered "Level I" and earns six units of baccalaureate credit; the higher score listed for each test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of GE Breadth, as noted.

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International Baccalaureate Exam (CSU and IGETC)	Passing Score	Minimum Credits Earned ¹	Semester Credits Toward CSU GE Breadth Certification ²	American Institutions and/or CSU GE Breadth Area ²	IGETC Quarter Units Earned	IGETC Area (Passing for GE score of 5, 6 or 7)	Removal Date
Biology HL	5	6	3	B2	3 sem/4 qtr	5B (without lab)	
Chemistry HL	5	6	3	B1	3 sem/4 qtr	5A (without lab)	
Economics HL	5	6	3	D	3 sem/4 qtr	4B	
Geography HL	5	6	3	D	3 sem/4 qtr	4E	
History (any region) HL	5	6	3	C2 or D	3 sem/4 qtr	3B or 4F ⁵	
Language A1 (any language) HL	4	6	3	C2	3 sem/4 qtr	3B and 6A	F'13
Language A2 (any language) HL	4	6	3	C2	3 sem/4 qtr	3B and 6A	F'13
Language A Literature HL	4	6	3	C2	3 sem/4 qtr	3B	
Language A	4	6	3	C2	3 sem/4 qtr	3B	
Language and Literature HL	4	6	3	C2	3 sem/4 qtr	3B	
Language B (any language) HL ⁴	4	6	0	N/A	3 sem/4 qtr	6A	
Mathematics HL	4	6	3	B4	3 sem/4 qtr	2A	
Mathematics Analysis and Approach HL	4	6	3	B4	3 sem/4 qtr	2A	
Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL	4	6	3	B4	3 sem/4 qtr	2A	

Physics HL	5	6	3	B1	3 sem/4 qrt	5A (without lab)
Psychology HL		6	3	D	3 sem/4 qrt	4I
Theater HL	4	6	3	C1	3 sem/4 qrt	3A

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- ² Areas of GE Breadth (A1 through E) are defined in EO 1033. Areas of American Institutions (US-1 through US-3) are set forth in Sections IA and IB of EO 405, and at assist.org.
- ³ Students seeking certification in GE Breadth prior to transfer must have passed the test before this date.
- ⁴ The IB Curriculum offers language at various levels for the native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives. Language A1 and A2 are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.
- ⁵ IB exam may be used in either area of IGETC regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.