ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT & CHART

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Students who earn scores of 3, 4, or 5 on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations taken before high school graduation will receive 2, 4, or 8 units of credit toward graduation at UC Davis for each such test completed with the required scores, provided official scores are submitted to the Office of Admissions.

Students should be advised that college courses taken before or after attending UC may duplicate AP, International Baccalaureate (IB) and/or A Level (GCE) examinations. Additionally, exams may duplicate each other; for example, an AP or IB exam in the same subject area. If the student does duplicate an exam with another exam of the same subject content, and/or an exam with a college course, we will award credit only once.

Note: Advanced Placement credit earned prior to entering the university will not be counted toward maximum unit limitations either for the selection of a major or for graduation.

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 Removed Studio Art from Drawing; added 8 units; removed With score of 3 & With score of 4 or 5 rows.

AP Exam with Score of 3 or 4 or 5	Units Awarded	UC Davis Course Equivalent	Duplicate Credit Allowed
2D Art & Design ¹	8	None	N/A
3D Art & Design ¹	8	None	N/A
Art History	8	None	N/A
Biology	8	BIS 010	No
Calculus AB (or AB subscore of BC exam) ¹			
With score of 3	4	None	N/A
With score of 4 or 5	4	MAT 012, 016A, 017A, 019A or 021A	Mathematics 012 No
Calculus BC 1			
With score of 3		None	N/A
With score of 4	8	MAT 012, 016A, 017A, 019A or 021A	Mathematics 012 No
With score of 5	8	MAT 012, 016A, 016B, 017A, 019A, 021A, 021B or 021M	Mathematics 012 No
Chemistry			
With score of 3 or 4	8	CHE 010	No
With score of 5	8	CHE 002A	Yes
Chinese Language & Culture	8	Consult with Department	N/A
Comparative Government & Politics	4	None	N/A

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Computer Science A (through S17) ²	2 or 8	ECS 032A	No
Computer Science Principles (effective S17)	8	None	N/A
Drawing ¹	8	None	N/A
English-Language & Composition or Literature & Composition 1			
With score of 3	8	None	N/A
With score of 4 or 5	8	ENL 003, UWP 001	No
Environmental Science	4	ESP 010	No
European History	8	HIS 004B, 004C	Yes
French Language & Culture ¹			
With score of 3	8	FRE 003	No
With score of 4	8	FRE 021	No
With score of 5	8	FRE 022	No
German Language & Culture 1			
With score of 3	8	GER 003	No
With score of 4	8	GER 020	No
With score of 5	8	GER 021	No
Human Geography	4	LDA 010	Yes
Italian Language & Culture ¹			
With score of 3	8	ITA 003	No
With score of 4	8	ITA 021	No
With score of 5	8	ITA 022	No
Japanese Language & Culture	8	Consult with Department	N/A
Latin	8	LAT 002	No
Macroeconomics	4	ECN 001B	Yes
Microeconomics	4	ECN 001A	Yes
Music Theory	4	MUS 003A	No
Physics 1 1	•		
With score of 3	8	None	N/A
With score of 4 or 5	8	PHY 001A, 001B	No
Physics 2 ¹			
With score of 3	8	None	N/A
With score of 4 or		PHY 001A	No
5			
Physics C: Mechanics ¹			
With score of 3	4	None	N/A
With score of 4 or 5	4	PHY 001A	No
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism ¹	4	None	N/A
Psychology			

	With score of 3 or 4	4	None	N/A
	With score of 5	4	PSC 001	No
	Spanish Language & Culture ³			
	With score of 3	8	SPA 021	No
	With score of 4	8	SPA 022	No
	With score of 5	8	SPA 023	No
	Spanish Literature & Culture ³			
	With score of 3	8	SPA 023	No
	With score of 4 or 5	8	SPA 024	No
	Statistics			
	With score of 3	4	None	N/A
	With score of 4 or 5	4	STA 013	Yes
	United States Government & Politics	4	None	N/A
	United States History	8	HIS 017A, 017B	Yes
	World History: Modern	8	HIS 010B, 010C	Yes

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A maximum of 8 units EACH in art studio, English, mathematics, physics, and language other than English is allowed. The Physics B exam is no longer offered.

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The change from 2 units to 8 units for AP Computer Science A was approved for students matriculating at a UC campus in fall 2018 or later. Students who matriculated in fall 2018 may earn 8 units for the exam if it was taken in spring 2018 or later.

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8 transferable unit maximum for Spanish Literature and Spanish Literature and Culture exams. Maximum credit awarded to the exam with the highest score.

To have AP scores sent to UC Davis, contact AP Services at 609-771-7300 or 888-225-5427; use the UC Davis CEEB code *004834*; View Your AP Scores (https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/view-scores/). Older CollegeBoard test scores require additional fulfillment time.