Advanced Placement Credit: College and Major Credit

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The University of California San Diego grants credit for most College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Tests on which a student scores 3 or higher. The credit may be subject credit for use on prerequisites to a major, credit for general education requirements, or elective units for graduation. The number of units granted for AP tests are not counted toward the maximum number of credits required for formal declaration of an undergraduate major. College courses taken before or after attending UC might duplicate AP exams. Additionally, exams might 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, credit will be awarded only once. **Credit and placement listed is based on 2023-2024 exams. AP Credit is subject to change.**

Exam		Units	Score	Exemptions (For Use on Major)	Revelle College Requirement
African American Studies		4	3, 4, or 5	None	1 course for social science requirement
Art History		8	3, 4, or 5	None	Fulfills fine arts requirement
Art (Studio)	*Drawing *2D Art and Design *3D Art and Design	8	3, 4, or 5	None	Fulfills fine arts requirement ***8-unit maximum for all tests***
Biology		8	3	Credit for BILD 10; may take BILD 1, 2, 3	1 course for Biology requirement, and 1 additional course for Natural Science requirement
			4 or 5	Credit for BILD 1, 2 and 3	1 course for Biology requirement, and 2 additional courses for Natural Science requirement
Chemistry		8	3	Credit for CHEM 4, may take CHEM 6A or 6AH	1 course for Chemistry requirement, and 1 additional course for Natural Science requirement
			4	Credit for CHEM 6A; may take 6B or 6AH	
			5	Credit for CHEM 6A, 6B, 6C; CHEM 6AH, 6BH, 6CH encouraged for those continuing in chemistry or for professional schools	1 course for Chemistry requirement, and 2 additional courses for Natural Science requirement
Computer Science	A (Java Programming)	8	3	None	Elective units
			4 or 5	Credit for CSE 8A; should take CSE 11	
	Principles	8	3	None	
			4 or 5	Credit for CSE 3	
Economics	Micro and/or Macro	4 each	3 or 4	None	Each score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course of social science requirement
	Microeconomics	4	5	Credit for ECON 1	
	Macroeconomics	4	5	Credit for ECON 3	
English	*Composition & Literature	8	3, 4, or 5	Meets the Entry Level Writing Requirement	Elective units and clears Entry Level Writing Requirement. ***8-unit maximum for both tests***
	*Language & Composition	8	3, 4, or 5		
Environmental Science		4	3	None	Elective units
		4	4 or 5	Credit for ESYS 10	One course for natural science requirement
Government & Politics	United States	4	3, 4, or 5	Satisfies American History and Institutions	1 course for social science requirement
			5	Credit for POLI 10	
	Comparative	4	3 or 4	None	1 course for social science requirement
			5	Credit for POLI 11	
History	United States	8	3, 4, or 5	Credit for 2 quarters U.S. History; may take HILD 2A, 2B or 2C. Satisfies American History and Institutions.	Fulfills social science requirement
	European	8	3, 4, or 5	None	Elective units
	World	8	3, 4, or 5		
Human Geography		4	3, 4, or 5	None	Elective units
Language other than English	Chinese	8	3	Consult Chinese Studies	Petition for proficiency if placement by Chinese Studies Department is above CHIN 20A
			4 or 5	Consult Chinese Studies	Meets language proficiency requirement
	French	8	3	Credit for LIFR 1C/1CX	Enroll in LIFR 1D/DX or LTFR 2A for proficiency
			4	Credit for LIFR 1D/1DX or LTFR 2A	Meets language proficiency requirement
			5	Credit for LTFR 2B	
	German	8	3	Credit for LIGM 1C/1CX	Enroll in LIGM 1D/DX or LTGM 2A for proficiency
			4	Credit for LIGM 1D/1DX or LTGM 2A	Meets language proficiency requirement
			5	Credit for LTGM 2B	
	Italian	8	3	Credit for LIIT 1C/1CX	Enroll in LIIT 1D/DX or LTIT 2A for proficiency
			4	Credit for LIIT 1D/1DX or LTIT 2A	Meets language proficiency requirement
			5	Credit for LTIT 2B	
	Japanese	8	3	Consult Japanese Studies	Elective units only
			4 or 5	Consult Japanese Studies	Meets language proficiency requirement
	Spanish	8	3	Credit for LISP 1C/1CX	Enroll in LISP 1D/DX or LTSP 2A for proficiency
			4	Credit for LISP 1D/1DX or LTSP 2A	Meets language proficiency requirement
			5	Credit for LTSP 2B	
Latin	Virgil	4	3, 4, or 5	Credit for LTLA 1, 2, 3	Elective units. Usually prepares student to take LTLA 100 to meet language proficiency.
	Literature	4			
Literature	Spanish	8	3	Credit for LISP 1D/DX or LTSP 2A	Meets language proficiency requirement
			4	Credit for LTSP 2B	
			5	Credit for LTSP 2C	
Mathematics	*Calculus AB	4	3	Credit for MATH 10A	AB exam = 1 course for math requirement
			4 or 5	Credit for MATH 20A or 10A	
	*Calculus BC	8	3	Credit for MATH 20A or 10A, and MATH 10B	BC exam = 2 courses for math requirement ***8-unit maximum for both tests***
			4 or 5	Credit for MATH 20A and 20B - or MATH 10A and 10B	
Music	Theory	8	3, 4, or 5	None	Fulfills fine arts requirement
Physics	*Physics 1 or 2	8	3, 4, or 5	Credit for PHYS 10	1 course for Physics requirement and 1 course for Natural Science requirement
	*Physics C Mechanics	4	3	Credit for PHYS 1A	Each 4 units of Physics C exams can meet 1 course for the Physics or Natural Science requirement. ***8-unit maximum for all three tests***
			4 or 5	Credit for PHYS 1A or 2A	
	*Physics C Electricity & Magnetism	4	3	Credit for PHYS 1B	
			4 or 5	Credit for PHYS 1B or 2B	
Precalculus		TBD	3, 4, or 5	None	Elective units. Math Placement Exam still needed.
Psychology		4	3	None	1 course for social science requirement
			4 or 5	Credit for PSYC 1	
Research		0	3, 4, or 5	Meets the Entry Level Writing Requirement	No units. Clears ELWR.
Seminar		0	3, 4, or 5	Meets the Entry Level Writing Requirement	No units. Clears ELWR.
Statistics		4	3, 4, or 5	None	1 course for math requirement

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