

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORES AND CREDIT

Award of credit displayed here applies to AP taken in 2025-2026. Check previous Bulletins for credit awarded for AP taken in corresponding years.

Summary of Changes Since the Prior Bulletin

- No changes.

AP Exam	Passing Score	Course (units)/ General Education Area (units)	Total Units Earned
AP Capstone			
Seminar	3, 4, 5		3
Arts			
Art History	3, 4, 5	ARTH 201 (3) / Area 3A (3) or Area 3B (3)	6
Music Theory	3, 4, 5		6
Studio Art: 2-D Design	3, 4, 5		3
Studio Art: 3-D Design	3, 4, 5		3
Studio Art: Drawing	3, 4, 5	ART Majors: Lower Division Studio Art Requirement (3)	3
Studio Art: Drawing	3, 4, 5	ADM Majors: Lower Division College-Level Drawing Requirement (3)	3
English			
English Language and Composition	3, 4, 5	ENG 114 (3) + ENG 214 (3) / Area 1A (3)	6
English Literature and Composition	3, 4, 5	ENG 114 (3) + ENG 214 (3) / Area 1A (3), Area 3B (3)	6
World Languages and Cultures			
Chinese Language and Culture	3	CHIN 101 (3) / Area 3B (3)	6
Chinese Language and Culture	4	CHIN 101 (3) + CHIN 102 (3) / Area 3B (6)	6
Chinese Language and Culture	5	CHIN 101 (3) + CHIN 102 (3) + CHIN 103 (3) / Area 3B (9)	9
French Language and Culture	3	FR 101 (3) + FR 102 (3) / Area 3B (6)	6

French Language and Culture	4	FR 101 (3) + FR 102 (3) + FR 215 (3) / Area 3B (9)	9
French Language and Culture	5	FR 101 (3) + FR 102 (3) + FR 215 (3) + FR 216 (3) / Area 3B (12)	12
German Language and Culture	3	GER 101 (4) + GER 102 (4) / Area 3B (4)	8
German Language and Culture	4	GER 101 (4) + GER 102 (4) + GER 206 (3) / Area 3B (11)	11
German Language and Culture	5	GER 101 (4) + GER 102 (4) + GER 206 (3) + GER 207 (3) / Area 3B (14)	14
Italian Language and Culture	3	ITAL 101 (4) + ITAL 102 (4)/Area 3B(8)	8
Italian Language and Culture	4	ITAL 101 (4) + ITAL 102 (4) + ITAL 103 (3)/Area 3B (11)	11
Italian Language and Culture	5	ITAL 101 (4) + ITAL 102 (4) + ITAL 103 (3) + ITAL 104 (3)/Area 3B (14)	14
Japanese Language and Culture	3	JAPN 101 (4) + JAPN 102 (4)/ Area 3B (8)	8
Japanese Language and Culture	4, 5	JAPN 101 (4) + JAPN 102 (4) + JAPN 103 (4) + JAPN 250 (3)/ Area 3B (12)	15
Latin	3, 4	LATN 101 (4)/ Area 3B (4)	6
Latin	5	LATN 101 (4) + LATN 202 (4)/ Area 3B (8)	8
Spanish Language and Culture ¹	3, 4	SPAN 101 (4) + SPAN 102 (4) + SPAN 205 (3)/ Area 3B (8)	11
Spanish Language and Culture ¹	5	SPAN 101 (4) + SPAN 102 (4) + SPAN 205 (3) + SPAN 206 (3)/ Area 3B (8)	14
Spanish Literature and Culture ¹	3, 4	SPAN 101 (4) + SPAN 102 (4) + SPAN 205 (3)/ Area 3B (8)	11

Spanish Literature and Culture ¹	5	SPAN 101 (4) + SPAN 102 (4) + SPAN 205 (3) + SPAN 206 (3)/ Area 3B (8)	14
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Math & Computer Science

Precalculus	3, 4, 5	MATH 199 (4)/ Area 2 (4)	4
Calculus AB ² or AB Subscore ³	3	Area 2 (3)	3
Calculus AB ² or AB Subscore ³	4, 5	MATH 226 (4)/ Area 2 (4)	4
Calculus BC ^{2,3}	3	Area 2 (3)	6
Calculus BC ²	4	MATH 226 (4)/ Area 2 (4)	6
Calculus BC ^{2,4}	5	MATH 226 (4)/ Area 2 (4)	6-8
Computer Science A	3		3
Computer Science A	4, 5	CSC 101 (3)	3
Computer Science Principles	3, 4, 5	Area 2 (3)	6
Statistics	3	Met for the following majors only: DS 212: BUS, HTM; MATH 124: SLHS, H ED, KIN, NURS, NUTR; PSY 171: PSY/Area 2 (3)	3
Statistics	4, 5	MATH 124 (3)/ Area 2 (3)	3

Sciences

Biology	3	Area 5B (4), Area 5C (met)	6
Biology	4, 5	BIOL 230 (5)/ Area 5B (5), Area 5C (met)	6
Chemistry	3	Area 5A (4), Area 5C (met)	6
Chemistry	4, 5	CHEM 115 (4)/ Area 5A (4), Area 5C (met)	6
Environmental Science	3, 4, 5	GEOG 160 (4)/ Area 5A (4), Area 5C (met)	4
Physics 1: Algebra-Based ⁵	3	Area 5A (4), Area 5C (met)	4
Physics 1: Algebra-Based ⁵	4, 5	PHYS 111 (3) + PHYS 112 (1)/ Area 5A (4), Area 5C (1)	4
Physics 2: Algebra-Based ⁵	3	Area 5A (4), Area 5C (met)	4

Physics 2: Algebra-Based ⁵	4, 5	PHYS 121 (3) + PHYS 122 (1)/ Area 5A (4), Area 5C (1)	4
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Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism ⁵	3	Area 5A (4), Area 5C (met)	4
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Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism ⁵	4, 5	PHYS 230 (3) + PHYS 232 (1)/ Area 5A (4), Area 5C (1)	4
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Physics C: Mechanics ⁵	3	Area 5A (4), Area 5C (met)	4
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Physics C: Mechanics ⁵	4, 5	PHYS 220 (3) + PHYS 222 (1)/ Area 5A (4), Area 5C (1)	4
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History & Social Sciences

Comparative Government and Politics	3, 4, 5	PLSI 250 (3)/Area 4 (3)	3
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European History	3, 4, 5	HIST 111 (3)/ Area 3B (3) or Area 4 (3)	6
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Human Geography	3, 4, 5	GEOG 102 (3) or I R 104 (3)/Area 4 (3)	3
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Macroeconomics	3, 4, 5	ECON 102 (3)/ Area 4 (3)	3
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Microeconomics	3, 4, 5	ECON 101 (3)/ Area 4 (3)	3
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Psychology	3, 4, 5	PSY 200 (3)/Area 4 (3)	3
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US Government and Politics ⁶	3, 4, 5	PLSI 200 (3)/Area 4 (3), USG (met)	3
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US History	3, 4, 5	HIST 120 (3) + HIST 121 (3)/ Area D (6), USH (met)	6
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World History	3, 4, 5	HIST 115 (3) or I R 104 (3)/Area 3B (3) or Area 4 (3)	3
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¹ Duplicate course credit not awarded if both AP Spanish exams taken.

² Maximum 8 units if both Calculus AB & BC are passed.

³ AB subscore credit above applied for BC score of 1 or 2. For BC score of 3 and AB subscore of 4 or 5, GE Area 2 and MATH 226 awarded (6 units total). For assistance receiving appropriate credit, email artic@sfsu.edu. (artic@sfsu.edu)

⁴ For BC score of 5 and AB subscore of 5, MATH 227 credit may be awarded upon approval of Math faculty advisor. Consult with the Math Department.

⁵ Maximum 8 units total, with 4 units in GE, if more than one AP Physics exam is passed.

⁶ Credit awarded does not include fulfillment of California State/Local Government requirement.