

Advanced Placement Credit: Application to College and Major Requirements, 2011–12

The University of California grants credit for all College Board Advanced Placement Tests on which a student scores 3 or higher. The credit may be subject credit for use on a minor or prerequisite to a major, or credit toward general-education requirements or elective units toward 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 or the maximum number of units a student may accumulate prior to graduation. Students who enter the university with AP credit do not have to declare a major earlier than other students, nor are they required to graduate earlier.

A student cannot receive credit for a UC San Diego course which duplicates AP credit. Where the chart says “exempt” or “equal to a UC San Diego course number,” that course may not be taken for credit. Students who are fluent in a language other than English should not overlook the opportunity to get AP credit by taking the foreign/literature exams.

Note: Please see college academic adviser for clarification of any questions you may have.

| EXAM AND UNITS FOR UNIVERSITY CREDIT | UC SAN DIEGO COURSE EXEMPTIONS (FOR USE ON MAJOR) | REVELLE COLLEGE | JOHN MUIR COLLEGE | THURGOOD MARSHALL COLLEGE | EARL WARREN COLLEGE | ELEANOR ROOSEVELT COLLEGE | SIXTH COLLEGE |
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| Art (Studio) Drawing Portfolio—8 2D Portfolio—8 3D Portfolio—8 (8-unit maximum for all tests) | None | Fulfills fine arts requirement and 1 course of the noncontiguous area of focus or may meet 2 courses of the noncontiguous area of focus | 8 units of elective credit | 2 courses toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major | 2 courses toward visual arts or humanities PofC or 1 course toward visual arts or humanities area study | 1 course toward Group B fine arts requirement | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward art making |
| Art History —8 | None | Fulfills fine arts requirement and 1 course of the noncontiguous area of focus or may meet 2 courses of the noncontiguous area of focus | 8 units of elective credit | 1 course toward fine arts requirement | 2 courses toward visual arts or humanities PofC or 1 course toward visual arts or humanities area study | 1 course toward Group B fine arts requirement | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward narrative, aesthetic, and historical reasoning |
| Biology —8 | Score of 4 or 5 = exempts BILD 1, 2, and 3. Score of 3 = BILD 10; may take BILD 1, 2, 3 for credit. | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets Revelle biology requirement | Score of 3 exempts BILD 10. Score of 4 or 5 exempts BILD 1, 2 and 3. | 1 course toward biology/natural science requirement. May also apply 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | Score of 3 = 2 courses toward fundamentals of biology or science and technology PofC. Score of 4 or 5 = 2 courses toward biology or science and technology PofC or fundamentals of biology PofC. | Score of 3, 4, or 5 fulfills the natural science requirement | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward analytical methodologies/scientific method |
| Chemistry — 8 | Score of 3 = exempts Chem 4 or 11. Score of 4 = exempts Chem 4, 11 or 6A; may take Chem 6AH, 6BH, 6CH for credit. Score of 5 = exempts Chem 6A-B-C or Chem 11; encouraged to take Chem 6AH, 6BH, 6CH for credit. | Partial completion of natural science requirement | Refer to “UC San Diego Course Exemptions” | 1 course toward chemistry/natural science requirement. May also apply 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | Score of 3 = 2 courses toward science and technology PofC. Score of 4 = 2 courses toward science and technology PofC; or 1 course toward chemistry PofC. Score of 5 = 2 courses toward chemistry or science and technology PofC. | Score of 3, 4, or 5 fulfills the natural science requirement | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward analytical methodologies/scientific method |
| Computer Science A (Java Programming)—2 AB (Java Programming, and Data Structures and Object-Oriented Programming)—4 (4-unit maximum for both tests) | Score of 4 on A = exempts CSE 8A and 8AL; student should take CSE 11. Score of 5 on A = exempts CSE 11. Score of 4 or 5 on AB = exempts CSE 11. Score of 5 on AB = exempts CSE 12 with departmental approval. | Partial completion of noncontiguous area of focus | 2-4 units of elective credit. If applied to major, refer to “UC San Diego Course Exemptions.” | A exam score of 3, 4, 5 = 2 units of elective credit. AB exam score of 3 = 4 units of elective credit. AB exam score of 4, 5 = 1 course toward math, statistics, and logic requirement or 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | A exam score of 3, 4, 5 = 2 units of elective credit | AB exam = 1 of 2 courses quantitative/formal skills requirement. | Score of 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward information technology fluency requirement |
| Economics Microeconomics—4 Macroeconomics—4 | Score of 5 AP Micro = Econ 1. Score of 5 AP Macro = Econ 3. Score of 3 or 4 = elective units. | Each score of 3, 4, or 5 exempts student 1 course on social science requirement | Refer to “UC San Diego Course Exemptions” | Score of 3, 4 = 4 units of elective credit. Score of 5 = 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | Each score of 3 or 4 = 1 course toward perspectives of social science PofC. Each score of 5 = 1 course toward perspectives of social science or economics PofC or economics area study. | 4-8 units of elective credit | Score of 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward social analysis. Score of 3 = elective credit. |
| English Composition and Literature—8 Language and Composition—8 (8-unit maximum for both tests) | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets Entry Level Writing requirement | 8 units of elective credit or 2 courses of the noncontiguous area of focus and clears Entry Level Writing requirement (8 units maximum for both tests) | 8 units of elective credit and clears Entry Level Writing requirement (8 units maximum for both tests) | 8 units of elective credit and clears Entry Level Writing requirement (8 units maximum for both tests) | 8 units of elective credit and clears Entry Level Writing requirement (8 units maximum for both tests) | 8 units of elective credit and clears Entry Level Writing requirement (8 units maximum for both tests) | 8 units elective credit and clears Entry Level Writing requirement (8 units maximum for both tests) |

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| Environmental Science —4 | Score of 4 or 5 = exempts SIO 10 | Elective units or may meet 1 course of noncontiguous area of focus | Score of 3 = 4 units of elective credit and score of 4 or 5 exempts SIO 10 | Score of 3 = 4 units of elective credit. Score of 4, 5 = 1 course physics/natural science requirement. | Score of 3 = 1 course toward science and technology PofC. Score of 4 or 5 = 1 course toward SIO or science and technology PofC. | Meets 1 of 2 courses toward natural science requirement | Score of 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward analytical methodologies/scientific method |
| Government and Politics: United States —4 | Score of 3, 4, or 5 satisfies American History and Institutions. Score of 5 = exempts Poli Sci 10. | 1 course toward social science requirement or 1 course of noncontiguous area of focus | Refer to "UC San Diego Course Exemptions" and American History and Institutions requirement | Score of 3, 4 = 4 units of elective credit. Score of 5 = 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | 1 course toward perspectives of social science or political science PofC or area study; satisfies American History and Institutions requirement. | 4 units of elective credit | Score of 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward social analysis. Score of 3 = elective credit. Political science majors: score of 5 required to meet major requirement. |
| Government and Politics: Comparative —4 | Score of 5 = exempts Poli Sci 11 | 1 course toward social science requirement or 1 course of noncontiguous area of focus | Refer to "UC San Diego Course Exemptions" | Score of 3, 4 = 4 units of elective credit. Score of 5 = 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | 1 course toward perspectives of social science or political science PofC or political science area study | 4 units of elective credit | Score of 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward social analysis. Score of 3 = elective credit. Political science majors: score of 5 required to meet major requirement. |
| History: United States —8 | Score of 3, 4, or 5 = exempts 2 quarters US History; may take HILD 2A, 2B, or 2C. Satisfies American History and Institutions. | 2 courses toward social science requirement or 2 courses of noncontiguous area of focus | Refer to "UC San Diego Course Exemptions" and clears American History and Institutions requirement. May take HILD 2A or 2B or 2C to complete GE sequence. | 2 courses toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major | 2 courses toward history or humanities PofC or 1 course toward history or humanities area study; satisfies American History and Institutions requirement | 8 units of elective credit | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward narrative, aesthetic, and historical reasoning |
| History: European —8 | None | 2 courses of the noncontiguous area of focus | Score of 3, 4, 5 exempts 2 courses of European history. 3rd course by petition after student consults with Muir adviser. | 2 courses toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major | 2 courses toward history or humanities PofC or 1 course toward history or humanities area study | 1 course may apply toward regional specialization. See ERC academic counselor for details. | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward narrative, aesthetic, and historical reasoning |
| History: World —8 | None | 2 courses of the noncontiguous area of focus | Score of 3, 4, 5 exempts 2 courses of non-Western history. 3rd course by petition after student consults with Muir adviser. | 2 courses toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major | 2 courses toward history or humanities PofC or 1 course toward history or humanities area study | 8 units of elective credit | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward narrative, aesthetic, and historical reasoning |
| Human Geography —4 | None | Elective units or may meet 1 course of noncontiguous area of focus | 4 units of elective credit | 4 units of elective credit | 4 units of elective credit | 4 units of elective credit | 4 units of elective credit |
| Language Chinese—8 French—8 German—8 Italian—8 Japanese—8 Spanish—8 | Score of 3 = exempts LING 1C/1CX, Chinese 10C, LIT 1C/CX, LTIT 1C. Score of 4 = exempts Ling 1D/1DX or Lit 2A, Chinese 20A, LTIT 2A. Score of 5 = exempts Lit 2B, Chinese 20B, LTIT 50. | Score of 4 or 5 meets language proficiency requirement | See "UC San Diego Course Exemptions." Determines placement in language sequence and clears 2 courses in a GE sequence if student chooses the Foreign Language option. | 2 courses toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major | Score of 3 = 2 courses toward a foreign language and culture PofC or 1 course toward a foreign language and culture area study. Score of 4 = 2 courses toward a foreign language and culture PofC or 1 course toward a foreign language and culture area study or 1 course toward a humanities or literature PofC or area study. Score of 5 = 2 courses toward a foreign language and culture, literature, or humanities PofC or 1 course toward a foreign language and culture, literature, or humanities area study. | Score of 4 or 5 meets language proficiency requirement | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward narrative, aesthetic, and historical reasoning |

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| Latin Latin: Virgil—4 Latin: Literature—4 | Score of 3, 4, or 5 = exempts LTLA 1, 2, 3 | Usually prepares student to take LTLA 100; may meet 2 courses of the noncontiguous area of focus or may be used as 8 units of elective credit. | Refer to "UC San Diego Course Exemptions." | 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major | Each score of 3, 4, or 5 either test = 1 course toward classical studies, humanities, or literature PofC or area study | Usually prepares student to take LTLA 100 | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward narrative, aesthetic and historical reasoning |
| Literature French—8 Spanish—8 | Score of 3 = exempts LING 1D/1DX or Lit 2A. Score of 4 = exempts Lit 2B. Score of 5 = exempts Span Lit 2C or French Lit 50. | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets proficiency requirement | Refer to "UC San Diego Course Exemptions." Determines placement in language sequence if student chooses the foreign language option. | 2 courses toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major | Score of 3 = 2 courses toward a foreign language and culture PofC or 1 course toward humanities or literature PofC or 1 course toward humanities or literature area study. Score of 4 or 5 = 2 courses toward a foreign language and culture, humanities, or literature PofC or 1 course toward a foreign language and culture, humanities or literature area study | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets language proficiency requirement | Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets 1 course toward narrative, aesthetic and historical reasoning |
| Mathematics Calculus AB—4 Calculus BC—8 (8-unit maximum for both tests) | Score of 3 on AB exam = exempts Math 10A. Score of 4 or 5 on AB exam = exempts Math 20A or 10A. Score of 3 on BC exam = exempts Math 20A and Math 10B. Score of 4 or 5 on BC exam = exempts Math 20A, 20B or 10A, 10B. | AB exam = 1 course toward math requirement; BC exam = 2 courses toward math requirement. | Refer to "UC San Diego Course Exemptions." | AB exam = 1 course toward math, statistics, and logic requirement. BC exam = 2 courses toward math, statistics, and logic requirement. | AB exam = 1 course toward formal skills requirement; BC exam = 2 courses toward formal skills requirement | AB exam = 1 of 2 courses toward quantitative/formal skills requirement. BC exam completes quantitative formal skills requirement | AB or BC exam = Score of 3, 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward structured reasoning |
| Music Theory—8 | None | Fulfills fine arts requirement and 1 course of noncontiguous area of focus | 8 units elective credit only | 2 courses toward disciplinary breadth requirement if noncontiguous to major | 2 courses toward humanities or music PofC or 1 course toward humanities or music area study | 1 course toward Group B fine arts requirement | Score of 3, 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward art making |
| Physics Physics B—8 Physics C Mechanics—4 Physics C Electricity and Magnetism—4 (8-unit maximum for all three tests) | B exam = elective credit and exempts Phys 10. C exam (Mech) score of 3 or 4 = exempts Phys 1A. C exam (Mech) score of 5 = exempts Phys 2A, 4A. C exam (E&M) score of 3 or 4 = exempts Phys 1B. C exam (E&M) score of 5 = exempts Phys 2B or 4C. | B exam = meets 1 course of the natural science requirement. C exam (Mech or E&M) = each 4 units can meet 1 course of the natural science requirement. | Refer to "UC San Diego Course Exemptions"; 8 units maximum for all exams | If 4 units earned = 1 course toward physics/natural science requirement or 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. If 8 units earned = 1 course toward physics/natural science requirement and 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | B exam: score of 3, 4, or 5 = 2 courses toward science and technology PofC. C exam (Mech and E&M): score of 3 or 4 = 1 course toward science and technology PofC. Score of 5 = 1 course toward physics or science and technology PofC | C exam (E&M) = 1 course for natural science; C exam (Mech) = 1 course for natural science | Physics B or Physics C exam = 1 course toward analytical methodologies/scientific method |
| Psychology —4 | Score of 4 or 5 = exempts Psychology 1 | 1 course toward social science requirement or 1 course of noncontiguous area of focus | Score of 3 = elective credit only; score of 4 or 5 = exempts Psychology 1 | Score of 3 = 4 units of elective credit. Score of 4, 5 = 1 course toward disciplinary breadth if noncontiguous to major. | 1 course toward perspectives in social science or psychology PofC or psychology area study | 4 units of elective credit | Score of 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward social analysis. Score of 3 = elective credit |
| Statistics —4 | None | 4 units of elective credit or may meet 1 course of noncontiguous area of focus | 4 units of elective credit | 4 units of elective credit | 1 course toward formal skills requirement | 1 of 2 courses toward quantitative/formal skills requirement | Score of 3, 4 or 5 meets 1 course toward exploring data |