

USC Credit for Advanced Placement Examinations

As of Spring 2009, AP exams in most subjects with scores of 4 or 5 will be granted 4 elective units towards the total number of units required for graduation; no credit is given for scores of 1, 2, or 3. (Before Spring 2009, credit was given for scores of 3, 4 or 5.)

A maximum of 32 units will be granted for AP exam credit. Students may not receive credit for both an AP exam and a college course taken before high school graduation covering the same subject matter, nor for an AP and an IB exam covering the same subject matter. AP exams do not earn course equivalence.

Note: To have your AP scores sent to USC, please contact College Board at (888) CALL-4-AP or go to www.collegeboard.org and have your scores sent to the University of Southern California. To avoid possible delays, please be sure that College Board includes your Social Security Number when sending your scores.

Name of AP Examination	G. E. Credit or Three Semester Language Requirement (with scores of 4 or 5)	Units Granted
Art (History)	Western Cultures & Traditions (Category I)	4 sem. units
Art (Studio: Drawing)	None	4 sem. units
Art (Studio: 2D)	None	4 sem. units
Art (Studio: 3D)	None	4 sem. units
Biology	Scientific Inquiry (Category III)	4 sem. units
Chemistry	Scientific Inquiry (Category III)	4 sem. units
Chinese Language & Culture	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
Computer Science (A) or (AB) No credit if taken before Spring 1999. Score of 4 or 5 required before Spring 2009. Maximum of 4 units for Computer Science A and AB.	None	4 sem. units
Economics (Micro)	None	4 sem. units
Economics (Macro)	None	4 sem. units
English (Lang. & Comp.)	None	4 sem. units
English (Lit. & Comp)	None	4 sem. units
Environmental Science	None	4 sem. units
French (Language)	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
French (Literature)	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
German (Language)	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
Govt. & Pol. (United States)	None	4 sem. units
Govt. & Pol. (Comparative)	None	4 sem. units
History (United States)	None	4 sem. units
History (European)	Western Cultures & Traditions (Category I)	4 sem. units
History (World)	None	4 sem. units
Human Geography	None	4 sem. units
Italian (Language & Culture)	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
Japanese Language & Culture	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
Latin Literature	None	4 sem. units
Latin (Vergil)	None	4 sem. units

Mathematics (AB) *not AB subscore*	None	4 sem. units
Mathematics (BC)	None	4 sem. units
Music (Literature)	None	4 sem. units
Music (Theory)	None	4 sem. units
Physics (B)	Scientific Inquiry (Category III)	4 sem. units
Physics (C-Mechanics)	Scientific Inquiry (Category III)	4 sem. units
Physics (C-Electricity/Magnet)	Scientific Inquiry (Category III)	4 sem. units
Psychology	None	4 sem. units
Spanish (Language)	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
Spanish (Literature)	Foreign language requirement	4 sem. units
Statistics	None	4 sem. units

General Education: In addition to elective units, scores of 4 or 5 for certain exams will satisfy General Education requirements, as shown in the table below.

GE 1 (Western Cultures and Traditions)	Art (History) History (European)
GE 3 (Scientific Inquiry)	Biology Chemistry Physics (B) Physics (C- Mechanics) Physics (C- Electricity/Magnetism)

Foreign Language: Scores of 4 or 5 on the following exams taken *Spring 2007 or later* will satisfy the third level foreign language requirement, but do not earn USC course equivalence. (Students wishing to take a fourth level foreign language course must take a placement exam.)

Chinese Language and Culture	French Literature	Japanese Language and Culture
French Language	German Language	Spanish Language
	Italian Language and Culture	Spanish Literature

Waivers: Some departments may use AP scores of 4 or 5 to waive prerequisites or degree requirements as shown below. To get a prerequisite waiver (to register for a higher level class) with an AP score, contact the USC department that teaches the course. To get a degree requirement waived with an AP score, contact your major advisor.

AP Exam	Prerequisite that can be waived	After prerequisite is waived...
Biology	Either BISC 120 or BISC 220; see undergrad advisor in Biological Sciences. Interested in Medical School? See the important note below!	...see undergrad advisor in Biological Sciences.
Chemistry	CHEM 105aL Interested in Medical School? See the important note below!	...take CHEM 105bL.
Economics (Micro)	ECON 203	...take certain upper-division ECON courses.
Economics (Macro)	ECON 205	...take certain upper-division ECON courses.
Mathematics (AB) *NOT the AB subscore*	MATH 118 or 125	...take MATH 126, MATH 127, MATH 208, MATH 218, or certain upper-division business courses.
Mathematics (BC)	If your score is 4, MATH 118 or 125 If your score is 5, MATH 118, or 125 and MATH 126	...take higher-level calculus or business courses.
Psychology	PSYC 100	...take certain upper-division PSYC courses; see advisor.