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African American Studies (Beginning May 2025)	No Course No GE Area 3 units	Not Applicable	3 units	2.6 units	Not Applicable
Art History	ARTH C1100 and C1200 Area 3A 6 units	Area 3A or 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Art Studio: 2-D Design	ART 110 No GE Area 3 units	Not Applicable	3 units	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for all three Studio Art exams)	Not Applicable
Art Studio: 3-D Design	ART 111 No GE Area 3 units	Not Applicable	3 units	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for all three Studio Art exams)	Not Applicable
Art Studio: Drawing	ART 130 No GE Area 3 units	Not Applicable	3 units	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for all three Studio Art exams)	Not Applicable
Biology	BIOL 109 and 109L or BIOL 190 and 190L Area 5A 4 units	Area 5B and 5C 4 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Physical and Biological Sciences (UC-S)
Business with Personal Finance (Beginning August 2026)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3 units	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Calculus AB	MATH C2210 Area 2 4 units	Area 2 3 units	3 units (only one Calculus exam applied to CSU degree)	2.6 units (5.3 units maximum credit for Calculus AB + BC exams)	UC-Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (UC-M)
Calculus BC	MATH C2210 and C2220 Area 2 8 units	Area 2 3 units	6 units (only one Calculus exam applied to CSU degree)	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for Calculus AB + BC exams)	UC-Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (UC-M)
Calculus BC/AB Subscore [†] (UC)	MATH C2210 Area 2 4 units	Area 2 3 units	3 units (only one Calculus exam applied to CSU degree)	2.6 units (2.6 units maximum credit for Calculus AB + AB Subscore exams)	UC-Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (UC-M)
Chemistry	CHEM 200A Area 5A (Plan 1) Area 5 (Plan 3) 5 units	Area 5A and 5C 4 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Physical and Biological Sciences (UC-S)
Chinese Language and Culture	No Course Area 3B 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Computer Science A	CMPR 121 No GE Area 3 units	Not Applicable	3 units (only one Computer Science exam applied to the CSU degree)	5.3 units (beginning May 2018)	Not Applicable
Computer Science AB (Discontinued after May 2009)	CMPR 121 No GE Area 3 units	Not Applicable	6 units (only one CS exam applied to CSU degree)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Computer Science Principles (Beginning May 2017)	No Course Area 2 3 units	Not Applicable	6 units	5.3 units	Not Applicable
Economics: Macroeconomics	ECON 102 Area 4B (Plan 1) Area 4 (Plan 3) 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B)
Economics: Microeconomics	ECON C2001 Area 4B (Plan 1) Area 4 (Plan 3) 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B)
English: Language/Language and Composition (% - Future Fall 2027 CSU Note)	ENGL C1000 Area 1A 4 units	Area 1A 3 units	6 units	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for both English exams)	UC – English Composition (UC-E)

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English: Literature/Literature and Composition (% - Future Fall 2027 CSU Note)	ENGL C1000 Area 1A and 3B 4 units + (2 units toward degree)	Area 1A or 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for both English exams)	UC-English Composition (UC-E) OR UC- Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Environmental Science ^Δ	BIOL 259 Area 5B (Plan 1) Area 5 (Plan 3) 4 units	Area 5A and 5C 3 units ^Δ	4 units	2.6 units	UC-Physical and Biological Sciences (UC-S)
French Language and Culture (Prior to F'11, French Language)	FREN 101 and 102 Area 3B 10 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
German Language and Culture (Prior to Fall 11, German Language)	No Course Area 3B 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Geography (Human)	GEOG 102 Area 4B (Plan 1) Area 4 (Plan 3) 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B)
Government and Politics: Comparative	POLT 201 Area 4 (Plan 3) 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B)
Government and Politics: United States [‡] (CSU Partial AI Requirement)	POLS C1000 Area 4A (Plan 1) Area 4 (Plan 3) 3 units	Area 4 and CSU AI: US-2 3 units	3 units	2.6 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B)
History: European	HIST 102 Area 4B or 3B (Plan 1) Area 4 or 3B (Plan 3) 3 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B) OR UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
History: United States [‡] (CSU Partial AI Requirement)	HIST C1001 and C1002 Area 4A or 3B (Plan 1) Area 4 or 3B (Plan 3) 6 units	Area 3B or 4 and CSU AI: US-1 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B) OR UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
History: World/Modern	HIST 102 Area 4B or 3B (Plan 1) Area 4 or 3B (Plan 3) 3 units (6 units before F'19)	Area 3B or 4 3 units	3 units (6 units before F'09)	5.3 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B) OR UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Italian Language and Culture	ITAL 101 and 102 Area 3B 10 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Japanese Language and Culture	No Course Area 3B 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Latin	No Course Area 3B 3 units	Area 3B 3 units (Beginning May 2013))	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Music Theory	Pending No GE Area 3 units	Not Applicable	6 units	5.3 units (CR granted for full Music Theory exam; a Subscore only will not receive exam credit)	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Physics 1 [∞] / Physics 1: Algebra-Based	No Course Area 5A (Plan 1) Area 5 (Plan 3) 4 units	Area 5A and 5C 4 units	4 units (6 units max for all Physics exams)	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for all Physics exams)	UC-Physical and Biological Sciences (UC-S)
Physics 2 [∞] / Physics 2: Algebra-Based	No Course Area 5A (Plan 1) Area 5 (Plan 3) 4 units	Area 5A and 5C 4 units	4 units (6 units max for all Physics exams)	5.3 units (5.3 units maximum credit for all Physics exams)	UC-Physical and Biological Sciences (UC-S)
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism ^{∞ Δ}	PHYS 250B Area 5A (Plan 1) Area 5 (Plan 3) 5 units	Area 5A and 5C 3 units ^Δ	4 units (6 units max for all Physics exams)	2.6 units (5.3 units maximum credit for all Physics exams)	UC-Physical and Biological Sciences (UC-S)

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Physics C: Mechanics ∞ Δ	PHYS 250A Area 5A (Plan 1) Area 5 (Plan 3) 5 units	Area 5A and 5C 3 units Δ	4 units (6 units max for all Physics exams)	2.6 units (5.3 units maximum credit for all Physics exams)	UC-Physical and Biological Sciences (UC-S)
Pre-Calculus	No Course Area 2 5 units	Not Applicable	3 units	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Psychology	PSYC C1000 Area 4B (Plan 1) Area 4 (Plan 3) 3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	2.6 units	UC-Social and Behavioral Sciences (UC-B)
Research	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3 units	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Seminar	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3 units	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Spanish Language and Culture (Prior to S'14, Spanish Language)	SPAN 101 and 102 Area 3B 10 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Spanish Literature and Culture (Prior to S'13, Spanish Literature)	No Course Area 3B 3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units	5.3 units	UC-Arts and Humanities (UC-H)
Statistics	STAT C1000 Area 2 4 units	Area 2 3 units	3 units	2.6 units	UC-Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (UC-M)

Santiago Canyon College Notes:

Santiago Canyon College grants unit credit for Advanced Placement (AP) Exams with a score of three, four, or five (3, 4, or 5) for local associate general education and Cal-GETC as listed above. Official AP score reports/transcripts must be emailed directly from the College Board to SCC's Admissions & Records Office, admissions@sccollege.edu

It is strongly advised students meet with an SCC counselor, as course credit and units granted for local SCC Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution. Credit granted for AP, CLEP, or IB may be used to meet Santiago Canyon College's 12-unit residency requirement for associate degrees. ***It is recommended that students do not enroll in a college course comparable to the AP Exam, as credit limitations may be applied by SCC, CSU, and/or a UC campus.***

California State University (CSU) Notes:

Advanced Placement (AP) standardized exams measure how well a student has mastered the content and skills of AP courses. A student must score three or higher on the AP exams to earn college credit. Each campus in the CSU system determines how external examinations will be applied toward credit in the major. For students not already CSU-GE certified, each CSU campus will determine how to apply credit for such exams toward the local degree requirement.

The CSU AP Policy can be found at: <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/20781575/latest/>

1. The AP exams listed above may be incorporated into the CSU General Education requirements. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown if the examination is included in full certification; individual campuses may choose to accept more units than those specified towards completion of general education breadth requirements.
2. These units count toward eligibility for admission. The units may not all apply toward certification of the corresponding GE-Breadth area. See Executive Orders 1036 and 1100 for details.

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∞ - If a student passes more than one AP Physics exam, only 6 units of credit will apply to the baccalaureate degree and only 4 units may be used for the Cal-GETC certification.

Δ - AP Exams Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism – UC applies 3 semester/4 quarter units toward general education area 5A + 5C, therefore, students who complete these exams will be required to complete an additional 4 semester or 5 quarter units to satisfy the minimum required 7 semester or 9 quarter units in Area 5 for Cal-GETC certification.

% - **Effective 5/3/27 due to duplication of units – students that pass both the AP English Language and Composition and AP English Literature and Composition exams, only six units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate.**

University of California (UC) Notes

Student should be advised that college courses taken before or after attending UC may duplicate AP, IB, and/or A-Level examinations. Additionally, exams may duplicate each other (for example, an AP or IB exam in the same subject area). ***If a 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.***

The UC Policy for AP credit can be found at:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ap-credits/>

1. Each AP exam may be applied to one Cal-GETC area, as satisfying one course requirement. Exams may be used regardless of when the exam was taken.
2. The second to last column reflects what the University of California will award per AP exam for admission to any UC campus.

† - Students who take the Calculus BC exam and earn a Subscore of 3 or higher on the Calculus AB portion will receive 2.6 semester units for the Calculus AB exam, even if the student did not receive a score of 3 or higher on the Calculus BC examination (note that the maximum credit awarded for both exams is 5.6 semester units).

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‡ - The AP Government and Politics: United States and History: United States examinations partially fulfill the CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals graduation requirement but can be used toward the requirement. (Please note that no AP exam fulfills the California State and Local Government portion, US-3) see a counselor for more information.

Advisory to Pre-med Students: Many medical schools do not accept AP credit in lieu of college level course credit to fulfill admissions requirements. Students interested in medical school should consult directly with the medical schools they are considering for information on their credit policies. Students may also want to refer to www.aamc.org or www.aacom.org.

<https://www.savemyexams.com/learning-hub/results-day/do-medical-schools-accept-ap-credit/>