

CSUCI External Exam Credit | 2026–27

Credit is granted for external examinations in accordance with CSU Executive Order 1036.

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CLEP exams passed with scores noted below will earn a grade of credit (CR) and will not be calculated into students' grade point averages (GPAs). Credit granted is reviewed annually and occasionally varies from exam year to exam year, as content, exams, and Channel Islands (CI) curricula are subject to change. Thus, CI credit is awarded based on exam completion date.

IB exams at the Higher Level (HL) passed with scores noted below will earn a grade of credit (CR) and will not be calculated into students' grade point averages (GPAs). Credit granted is reviewed annually and occasionally varies from exam year to exam year, as content, exams, and Channel Islands (CI) curricula are subject to change. Thus, CI credit is awarded based on exam completion date.

Credit is granted for the OPI in accordance with CSU Channel Islands' (CI's) Academic Senate Policy 17-06 and American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations. Interviews passed with a score of Intermediate Low or higher will earn a grade of credit (CR) and will not be calculated into students' grade point averages (GPAs). Credit granted is reviewed every three years and may vary over time, as content, interviews, and CI's curricula are subject to change. Thus, CI credit is awarded based on interview completion date.

How to read the chart: Course credit and GE credit can satisfy requirements at the same time. Do not add GE units again to course units. Use Total Units Granted for the total award. Choose only one alternative marked "or," based on the student's program requirements. CSU policy notes appear at the end of this sheet.

Source: California State University, CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations, PolicyStat ID 20781575, effective June 25, 2026.

	Specific AP Exam	Qualifying Score / Range	CI Credit Granted	Additional Elective Units	Total Units Granted	Notes
AP	African American Studies	3, 4, or 5	-	3	3	
AP	2-D Art and Design	3, 4, or 5	-	3	3	
AP	3-D Art and Design	3, 4, or 5	-	3	3	
AP	Art History	3, 4, or 5	ARTH 203/GE 3A (3) or GE 3B (3)	3	6	
AP	Biology	3, 4, or 5	BIOL 200/GE 5B & 5C (4) or Liberal Studies Major: BIOL 170/GE 5B & 5C (4)	2	6	
AP	Business with Personal Finance	3, 4, or 5	-	3	3	Effective 8/3/2026.
AP	Calculus AB	3	MATH 140/GE 2 (3)	-	3	
AP		4 or 5	MATH 150/GE 2 (4)	-	4	
AP		3	Option 1: MATH 140/GE 2 (3) or	3	6	
AP	Calculus BC	3	Option 2: MATH 150/GE 2 (4)	2	6	
AP		4 or 5	MATH 150/GE 2 (4) & MATH 151 (4)	-	8	
AP		3	MATH 140/GE 2 (3)	-	3	
AP	Calculus BC/AB Sub-score	4 or 5	MATH 150/GE 2 (4)	-	4	
AP	Chemistry	3, 4, or 5	CHEM 121/GE 5A & 5C (4)	2	6	
AP	Chinese Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	CHIN 101/GE 3B (4) & CHIN 102/GE 3B (4)	-	8	
AP	Comparative Government & Politics	3, 4, or 5	GE 4 (3)	-	3	
AP	Computer Science A	3	COMP 105/GE 2 (3)	-	3	
AP		4 or 5	COMP 150/GE 2 (4)	-	4	
AP		3	COMP 150/GE 2 (4)	2	6	
AP	Computer Science AB	4 or 5	COMP 150/GE 2 (4) & COMP 151 (4)	-	8	
AP	Computer Science Principles	3, 4, or 5	COMP 101/GE 2 (3)	3	6	
AP	Drawing	3, 4, or 5	-	3	3	
AP	English Language & Composition	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 105/GE 1A (3)	3	6	For exams completed before 5/3/2027: If both English Language and English Literature are passed, 3 elective units are granted in place of duplicate ENGL 105 credit for 12 total units. *Effective 5/3/2027: Maximum 6 total units toward the baccalaureate across AP English exams combined. See CSU note 9.
AP	English Language	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 105/GE 1A (3)	3	6	For exams completed before 5/3/2027: If both English Language and English Literature are passed, 3 elective units are granted in place of duplicate ENGL 105 credit for 12 total units. *Effective 5/3/2027: Maximum 6 total units toward the baccalaureate across AP English exams combined. See CSU note 9.
AP	English Literature & Composition	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 105/GE 1A (3) & GE 3B (3)	-	6	For exams completed before 5/3/2027: If both English Language and English Literature are passed, 3 elective units are granted in place of duplicate ENGL 105 credit for 12 total units. *Effective 5/3/2027: Maximum 6 total units toward the baccalaureate across AP English exams combined. See CSU note 9.
AP	English Literature	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 105/GE 1A (3) & GE 3B (3)	-	6	For exams completed before 5/3/2027: If both English Language and English Literature are passed, 3 elective units are granted in place of duplicate ENGL 105 credit for 12 total units. *Effective 5/3/2027: Maximum 6 total units toward the baccalaureate across AP English exams combined. See CSU note 9.
AP	Environmental Science	3, 4, or 5	ESRM 100/GE 5A (3) & 5C (1)	-	4	
AP	European History	3, 4, or 5	GE 3B or GE 4 (3)	3	6	
AP	French Language & Culture	3, 4, or 5	FREN 101/GE 3B (4) & FREN 102/GE 3B (4)	-	8	
AP	German Language & Culture	3, 4, or 5	GE 3B (4)	4	8	
AP	Human Geography	3, 4, or 5	GEOG 201/GE 4 (3)	-	3	
AP	Italian Language & Culture	3, 4, or 5	GE 3B (4)	4	8	
AP	Japanese Language & Culture	3, 4, or 5	GE 3B (4)	4	8	
AP	Latin	3, 4, or 5	GE 3B (3)	3	6	
AP	Macroeconomics	3, 4, or 5	ECON 111/GE 4 (3)	-	3	
AP	Microeconomics	3, 4, or 5	ECON 110/GE 4 (3)	-	3	
AP	Physics 1	3, 4, or 5	GE 5A & 5C (4)	-	4	
AP	Physics 1: Algebra-based	3, 4, or 5	GE 5A & 5C (4)	-	4	
AP	Physics 2	3, 4, or 5	GE 5A & 5C (4)	-	4	

Multiple AP Physics exams: maximum 6 total units toward the degree and 4 GE units combined. See CSU note 8.

AP	Physics 2: Algebra-based	3, 4, or 5	GE 5A & 5C (4)	-	4	
AP	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 101 & GE 5A & 5C (4) or PHYS 201 & GE 5A & 5C (4)	-	4	Multiple AP Physics exams: maximum 6 total units toward the degree and 4 GE units combined. See CSU note 8.
AP	Physics C: Mechanics	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 100/GE 5A & 5C (4) or PHYS 200/GE 5A & 5C (4)	-	4	Multiple AP Physics exams: maximum 6 total units toward the degree and 4 GE units combined. See CSU note 8.
AP	Pre-Calculus	3, 4, or 5	MATH 105/GE 2 (4)	-	4	
AP	Psychology	3, 4, or 5	PSY 100/GE 4 (3)	-	3	
AP	Research	3, 4, or 5	-	3	3	Effective 8/3/2026.
AP	Seminar	3, 4, or 5	-	3	3	Awards elective units only; no course or GE credit.
AP	Spanish Language & Culture	3	SPAN 201/GE 3B (3)	3	6	Fulfills the CI language requirement
AP		4 or 5	SPAN 201/GE 3B (3) & SPAN 202/GE 3B (3)	2	8	
AP		3	SPAN 201/GE 3B (3)	3	6	
AP	Spanish Language	4 or 5	SPAN 201/GE 3B (3) & SPAN 202/GE 3B (3)	2	8	
AP	Spanish Literature & Culture	3	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) or SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3) & GE 3B (3)	3	6	
AP		4 or 5	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) or SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 310 (3) & fulfills GE 3B (3)	-	6	
AP		3	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) or SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3) & GE 3B (3)	3	6	
AP	Spanish Literature	4 or 5	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) or SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 310 (3) & fulfills GE 3B (3)	-	6	
AP	Statistics	3, 4, or 5	BIOL 203/GE 2 (3) or MATH 201/GE 2 (3) or MATH 202/GE 2 (3) or PSY 202/GE 2 (3)	-	3	MATH/PSY 202 is a cross-listed course
AP	Studio Art: 2D Design	3, 4, or 5	ART 106 (3)	-	3	If both Studio Art: 2D Design and 3D Design are passed, 6 total units are granted.
AP	Studio Art: 3D Design	3, 4, or 5	ART 106 (3)	-	3	
AP	Studio Art: Drawing	3, 4, or 5	ART 105 (3)	-	3	
AP	U.S. Government & Politics	3, 4, or 5	GE 4 (3)	-	3	Fulfills U.S. Constitution (US-2) portion of the American Institutions requirement; *Complete POLS 140 (1) to fulfill the CA State and Local Government (US-3) requirement
AP	U.S. History	3, 4, or 5	HIST 270 (3) & HIST 271 (3) & GE 3B or 4(3)	-	6	Fulfills U.S. History (US-1) portion of the American Institutions requirement
AP	World History	3, 4, or 5	GE 3B or 4(3)	3	6	
AP	World History Modern	3, 4, or 5	GE 3B or 4(3)	-	3	
	Specific CLEP Exam	Qualifying Score / Range	CI Credit Granted	Additional Elective Units	Total Units Granted	Notes
CLEP	American Government	50	GE 4 (3)	-	3	Fulfills U.S. Constitution (US-2) portion of the American Institutions requirement
CLEP	American Literature	50	ENGL 120/GE 3B (3) & ENGL 220/GE 3B (3)	-	6	
CLEP	Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	ENGL 250/GE 3B (3)	-	3	
CLEP	Biology	50	BIOL 100/GE 5B & 5C (4)	-	4	
CLEP	Calculus	50	MATH 150/GE 2 (4)	-	4	
CLEP	Chemistry	50	CHEM 121/GE 5A & 5C (4)	-	4	
CLEP	College Algebra	50	GE 2 (3)	-	3	
CLEP	College Algebra Trigonometry	50	GE 2 (3)	-	3	
CLEP	College Composition	N/A	No Credit	-	-	
CLEP	College Composition Modular	N/A	No Credit	-	-	
CLEP	College Mathematics	N/A	No Credit	-	-	
CLEP	English Composition (no essay)	N/A	No Credit	-	-	
CLEP	English Composition with essay	N/A	No Credit	-	-	
CLEP	Financial Accounting	50	ACCT 210 (3)	-	3	
CLEP	French Language Level I	50-58	FREN 101/GE 3B (4)	2	6	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	French Language Level II	59 & above	FREN 101/GE 3B (4) & FREN 102/GE 3B (4)	1	9	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	Freshman College Composition	N/A	No credit	-	-	
CLEP	German Language Level I	50-59	GE 3B (4)	2	6	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	German Language Level II	60 & above	GE 3B (4)	5	9	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	History, U.S. I	50	HIST 270 (3) & GE 4	-	3	Fulfills U.S. History (US-1) portion of the American Institutions requirement
CLEP	History, U.S. II	50	HIST 271 (3) & GE 4	-	3	Fulfills U.S. History (US-1) portion of the American Institutions requirement
CLEP	Human Growth and Development	50	0 GE units	3	3	
CLEP	Humanities	50	GE 3B (3)	-	3	
CLEP	Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	-	3	3	
CLEP	Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	-	3	3	
CLEP	Introductory Business Law	50	BUS 110 (3)	-	3	
CLEP	Introductory Psychology	50	PSY 100/GE 4 (3)	-	3	
CLEP	Introductory Sociology	50	SOC 100/GE 4 (3)	-	3	

CLEP	Natural Sciences	50	GE 5A or GE 5B (3)	-	3	No credit for GE 5C
CLEP	Pre-Calculus	50	MATH 105/GE 2 (4)	-	4	
CLEP	Principles of Accounting	50	-	3	3	
CLEP	Principles of Macroeconomics	50	ECON 111/GE 4 (3)	-	3	
CLEP	Principles of Management	50	-	3	3	
CLEP	Principles of Marketing	50	-	3	3	
CLEP	Principles of Microeconomics	50	ECON 110/GE 4 (3)	-	3	
CLEP	Social Sciences and History	N/A	No credit	-	-	
CLEP	Spanish Language Level I	50-54	SPAN 101/GE 3B (4)	2	6	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP		55-62	SPAN 101/GE 3B (4) & SPAN 102/GE 3B (4)	-	8	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	Spanish Language Level II	63-69	SPAN 101/GE 3B (4) & SPAN 102/GE 3B (4) & SPAN 201/GE 3B (3)	-	11	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP		70-80	SPAN 101/GE 3B (4) & SPAN 102/GE 3B (4) & SPAN 201/GE 3B (3) & SPAN 202/GE 3B (3)	-	14	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	Spanish with Writing Level I	Before 5/3/2027: 50–62 On/after 5/3/2027: 50–64	N/A	6	6	Fulfills the CI language requirement Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	Spanish with Writing Level II	Before 5/3/2027: 63 or higher On/after 5/3/2027: 65 or higher	GE 3B (3)	6	9	Fulfills the CI language requirement Minimum passing score is 63 for exams completed before 5/3/2027 and 65 for exams completed on or after 5/3/2027. Only one CLEP exam in the same language may count toward the degree. See CSU note 4.
CLEP	Western Civilization I	50	GE 3B or 4(3)	-	3	
CLEP	Western Civilization II	50	GE 4 (3)	-	3	
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IB	Biology	5, 6, or 7	BIOL 100/GE 5B & 5C (4)	2	6	
IB	Business Management	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Chemistry	5, 6, or 7	CHEM 121/GE 5A & 5C (4)	2	6	
IB	Computer Science	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026. Only one applicable exam may count toward the degree; see CSU note 6 for the exams covered.
IB	Design Technology	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Dance	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Digital Society	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Economics	5, 6, or 7	ECON 110/GE 4 (3) & ECON 111/GE 4 (3)	-	6	
IB	Environmental Systems and Societies	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Film	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Geography	5, 6, or 7	GEOG 201/GE 4 (3)	3	6	
IB	Global Politics	5, 6, or 7	GE 4 (3)	-	3	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	History (any region)	5, 6, or 7	GE 3B or 4(3)	3	6	
IB	Language A: Literature					
IB	English	4, 5, 6, or 7	ENGL 105/GE 1A (3) & GE 3B (3)	3	9	
IB	Spanish	4 or 5	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3)	3	9	
IB	Spanish	6 or 7	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 310 (3)	-	9	
IB	All other languages	4, 5, 6, or 7	GE 3B (6)	3	9	
IB	Language A: Language & Literature					
IB	Spanish	4 or 5	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3)	3	9	Fulfills the CI language requirement. If multiple IB Spanish exams are passed, up to 21 elective units are awarded in place of duplicate SPAN 301, SPAN 302, and/or SPAN 310 course credit.
IB	Spanish	6 or 7	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 310 (3)	-	9	
IB	All other languages	4, 5, 6, or 7	GE 3B (6)	3	9	
IB	Language B:					
IB	Spanish	4 or 5	SPAN 201/GE 3B (3) & SPAN 202/GE 3B (3)	3	9	
IB	Spanish	6 or 7	SPAN 301/UDGE-3 (3) & SPAN 302/UDGE-3 (3)	3	9	
IB	All other languages	4, 5, 6, or 7	GE 3B (6)	3	9	
IB	Mathematics Analysis and Approaches	4, 5, 6, or 7	MATH 105/GE 2 (4)	2	6	Effective 5/3/2027: Only one applicable exam may count toward the degree. See CSU note 6 for the exams covered.
IB	Mathematics Applications and Interpretation	4, 5, 6, or 7	MATH 150/GE 2 (4)	2	6	Effective 5/3/2027: Only one applicable exam may count toward the degree. See CSU note 6 for the exams covered.
IB	Music	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Philosophy	5, 6, or 7	GE 3B (3)	3	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Physics	5, 6, or 7	PHYS 100/GE 5A & 5C (4) & PHYS 101 (4)	-	8	
IB	Psychology	5, 6, or 7	PSY 100/GE 4 (3)	3	6	
IB	Social and Cultural Anthropology	5, 6, or 7	GE 4 (3)	3	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Sports, Exercise and Health Science	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	Theatre	4, 5, 6, or 7	PATH 280/GE 3A (3)	3	6	
IB	Visual Arts	5, 6, or 7	-	6	6	Effective 8/3/2026.
IB	World Religions	5, 6, or 7	GE 3B (3)	3	6	Effective 8/3/2026.

Relevant CSU Policy Notes						
<i>Course credit and GE credit may satisfy requirements at the same time. Do not add GE units again to course units. Total Units Granted is the total award for that row. All IB exams listed must be Higher Level (HL). Credit is based on the exam completion date. Alternative awards marked "or" are not added together.</i>						
Current policy: https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/20781575/						
CSU note 2	GE Areas 1A through 6 are defined in the CSU General Education (GE) Requirements. Areas of American Institutions (US-1 through US-3) are set forth in the CSU's policy on Graduation Requirements in United States History, Constitution and American Ideals, and are listed publicly at assist.org.					
CSU note 4	If a student passes more than one CLEP exam in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one exam may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each exam in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered Level I and earns six units of baccalaureate credit; the higher score listed for each exam is considered Level II and earns nine units of credit and placement in GE Area 3B, as noted.					
CSU note 5	The IB curriculum offers languages at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-native speakers. IB Language A1 and A2 courses are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.					
CSU note 6	If a student passes more than one AP exam in calculus or computer science and/or more than one IB exam in mathematics or computer science, credit for only one exam may be applied to the baccalaureate. Application date: IB Mathematics entries add this restriction effective 5/3/2027; applicable AP entries already reference it.					
CSU note 7	Students who pass the AP Environmental Science exam earn four units of credit. Prior to fall 2009, those credits may be applied to either GE Area 5A+5C or GE Area 5B+5C. Beginning in fall 2009, those credits may be applied only to GE Area 5A+5C.					
CSU note 8	If a student passes more than one AP exam in physics, only six units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate, and only four units of credit may be applied to GE Area 5A+5C.					
CSU note 9	If a student passes more than one AP exam in English, only six units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate. Effective 5/3/2027 for the AP English entries in this chart.					