


Memorandum

To: General Education-Breadth Contacts
Participating Institutions and CSU Campuses

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From: 
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Subject: **Inclusion of Advanced Placement Examinations in
General Education-Breadth Certification**

The CSU General Education Advisory Committee, which includes representation from the faculty and administration of the CSU and the California Community Colleges, has recommended that the CSU establish a single policy regarding College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations that applies to certification of completion of CSU General Education-Breadth requirements by any participating institution. The CSU has accepted the recommendation. **For the fall 1997 term and beyond, all institutions participating in General Education-Breadth certification may treat the AP examinations on the attached list as though they were incorporated in the institutions' own General Education-Breadth certification list.**

Several colleges have included examinations in the Advanced Placement Program in their individual certification lists for many years; some have not had the examinations as distinct components of their lists but have included them indirectly in certifications by equating passage of an AP examination with completion of a course that *is* on their certification list. Thus students who took the same AP examination, achieved the same score, and transferred from different colleges to the same CSU campus might have received in the certification process different amounts of credit for the AP examination towards completion of General Education-Breadth requirements. This anomaly has contributed to uncertainties surrounding the transfer and articulation processes. The Committee's recommendation is designed to eliminate the anomaly.

The Committee asked the Course Review Subcommittee – a CSU/CCC faculty group which reviews all courses and examinations submitted for addition to General Education-Breadth certification lists – to examine materials describing each of the AP examinations and the recommended courses of study in preparation for the examinations. The attached list is the product of the Subcommittee deliberations. It shows, in semester units, the credit towards completion of General Education-Breadth requirements that may be included

in any certification for a student who has earned a score of 3, 4, or 5 on a designated AP examination. For several of the AP examinations, the total number of units towards a baccalaureate degree accepted by the receiving CSU campus will be greater than the units indicated in the attachment. CSU campuses are also free to grant *more* units toward completion of a General Education-Breadth requirement for successful completion of an AP examination than is shown in the attachment. Whether successful completion of an AP examination meets any other baccalaureate degree requirements (e.g., requirements for the major) continues to be determined by the individual CSU campus.

The attached guidelines apply only to students obtaining full or subject-area certification of completion of General Education-Breadth requirements from the college from which they are transferring. Students who transfer without General Education-Breadth or IGETC certification will be subject to the campus-specific general education requirements and campus-specific policies about the role of AP examinations in general education.

Please note that not all AP examinations are approved systemwide for fulfillment of General Education-Breadth requirements, nor can all General Education-Breadth areas be completed by AP examination. For example, the Course Review Subcommittee decided not to include the Studio Art examination in the attached list, and no AP examination is accepted for fulfillment of the Area A3 (critical thinking) requirement.

When additional examinations are added to the AP Program, the Course Review Subcommittee will examine the associated materials and determine whether to add them to this common certification list.

Please share this policy with appropriate advisors and records staff at your institution. If you have any questions about the policy, please call me (562/985-2845) or send me an e-mail message (jo@calstate.edu).

Attachment

cc: Vice Presidents, Instruction – Participating Institutions
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Advanced Placement Examinations in CSU General Education-Breadth Certification

The following Advanced Placement examinations may be incorporated into certification of completion of CSU General Education-Breadth requirements by any participating institution. Students must have scored 3, 4, or 5 on an Advanced Placement examination listed below to receive the credit indicated. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown below toward fulfillment of the designated General Education-Breadth area if the examination is included in a full or subject-area certification; individual CSU campuses may choose to accept more units than those specified below towards completion of General Education-Breadth requirements. The CSU campus to which the student is transferring determines the total number of units awarded for successful completion of an Advanced Placement examination and the applicability of the examination to other graduation requirements.

<i>AP Subject</i>	<i>Number of Units Applicable to General Education-Breadth Requirements for Students Obtaining Full or Subject-Area Certification</i>
Art: History of Art	3 semester units toward Area C1
Biology	3 semester units toward Area B2
Chemistry	6 semester units toward Areas B1 and B3
Economics: Macroeconomics	3 semester units toward Area D2
Economics: Microeconomics	3 semester units toward Area D2
English: English Language & Composition	3 semester units toward Area A2
English: English Literature & Composition	6 semester units toward Areas A2 and C2
French: French Language	6 semester units toward Area C2
French: French Literature	6 semester units toward Area C2
German Language	6 semester units toward Area C2
Government and Politics: United States	3 semester units toward Area D8
Government and Politics: Comparative	3 semester units toward Area D8
History: European History	3 semester units toward Area D6
History: United States History	3 semester units toward Area D6
Latin: Vergil	3 semester units toward Area C2
Latin: Latin Literature	3 semester units toward Area C2
Mathematics: Calculus AB	3 semester units toward Area B4
Mathematics: Calculus BC	3 semester units toward Area B4
Music Theory	3 semester units toward Area C1
Physics B	6 semester units toward Areas B1 and B3
Physics C (mechanics)	3 semester units toward Areas B1 and B3
Physics C (electricity and magnetism)	3 semester units toward Areas B1 and B3
Psychology	3 semester units toward Area D9
Spanish: Spanish Language	6 semester units toward Area C2
Spanish: Spanish Literature	6 semester units toward Area C2
Statistics	3 semester units toward Area B4