

6 Credit by External Exams

There is no limit on the number of external exams that can be applied to Cal-GETC. External exams may be used regardless of when the exam was taken. Cal-GETC certification does not determine applicability towards meeting program requirements at the receiving institution.

6.1 Advanced Placement (AP)

A score of 3, 4 or 5 is required to grant credit for Cal-GETC certification. Students who have earned credit from an AP exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.

- There is no equivalent AP exam for Cal-GETC Area 1B (*Critical Thinking and Composition*).
- Where more than one area of Cal-GETC is possible (cf., 3B or 4) the AP exam may be used in either area (either Cal-GETC Area 3B or Cal-GETC Area 4) regardless of where the certifying CCC's comparable course is located.
- Students earning a score of 3, 4 or 5 in a Physical or Biological science AP examination earn credit toward Cal-GETC Area 5A (*Physical Science*) or 5B (*Biological Science*) and also meet the Cal-GETC 5C (*Laboratory*) requirement. With this exception, each AP exam may only be applied to one Cal-GETC area.
- Generally, an acceptable AP score for Cal-GETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.

An exception is that AP exams in Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, or Physics 2 allow CCC campuses to apply 4 semester or 5 quarter units to Cal-GETC Area 5 certification.

AP exams in Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism only allow CCC campuses to apply 3 semester or 4 quarter units to Cal-GETC certification

Advanced Placement Table

AP EXAMINATION	CAL-GETC AREA	AP EXAMINATION	CAL-GETC AREA
Art History	3A or 3B	Japanese Language & Culture	3B
Biology	5B and 5C	Latin	3B
Calculus AB	2	Macroeconomics	4
Calculus BC	2	Microeconomics	4
Calculus BC/ AB sub score	2	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	5A and 5C
Chemistry	5A and 5C	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	5A and 5C
Chinese Language & Culture	3B	Physics C: Mechanics	5A and 5C
Comparative Government & Politics	4	Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism	5A and 5C
English Language/Composition	1A	Psychology	4
English Literature/Composition	1A or 3B	Spanish Language & Culture	3B
Environmental Science	5A and 5C	Spanish Literature & Culture	3B
European History	3B or 4	Statistics	2
French Language & Culture	3B	U.S. Government & Politics	4
German Language & Culture	3B	U.S. History	3B or 4
Human Geography	4	World History: Modern	3B or 4
Italian Language & Culture	3B		

Note: AP exams that have been discontinued are not shown on this table. A student with catalog rights may be able to use the now discontinued exam if accepted under the comparable area of IGETC or under Cal-GETC at the time the exam was taken.

Example: If a U.S. History at a CCC is approved for Cal-GETC Area 3B (*Humanities*), then the U.S. History AP exam may be used for Cal-GETC Area 3B (*Humanities*, via local articulation) or Area 4 (*Social and Behavioral Sciences*, via Cal-GETC credit by exam equivalency).

Actual AP transfer credit (including possible differences in units to be awarded beyond those used for Cal-GETC certification) awarded for these and other AP exams at admission is determined by the CSU and UC.

- The [UC Policy for AP credit](#)
- The [CSU system-wide minimums policy](#) governing the use of these and other AP exams for awarding general education

6.2 International Baccalaureate (IB)

Credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) High Level exams is similar to AP exams. Students who have earned credit from an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.

- A score of 5, 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams is required to grant credit for Cal-GETC certification.
- An acceptable IB score for Cal-GETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.

International Baccalaureate (HL) Table

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)	CAL-GETC AREA
IB Biology HL	5B
IB Chemistry HL	5A
IB Economics HL	4
IB Geography HL	4
IB History (any region) HL	3B or 4
IB Language A: Literature (any language, except English) HL	3B
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language, except English) HL	3B
IB Language A: Literature (any language) HL	3B
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language) HL	3B
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL	2
IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL	2 (may not be at all UC)
IB Physics HL	5A
IB Psychology HL	4
IB Theatre HL	3A

1 Note: IB courses that have been discontinued are not shown on this table. A student with catalog rights may be able to use a now discontinued course if accepted under the directly comparable area of IGETC or under Cal-GETC at the time the course was taken.

Example: History IB HL at a CCC is approved for Cal-GETC Area 3B (*Humanities*). History IB HL may be used in Cal-GETC Area 3B (*Humanities*) or Cal-GETC Area 4 (*Social and Behavioral Sciences*).

Actual IB transfer credit (including possible differences in units to be awarded beyond those used for Cal-GETC certification) awarded for these and other IB exams at admission is determined by the CSU and UC.

- The [UC Policy for IB credit](#)
- The CSU system-wide minimums policy, [CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations](#) governing the use of these and other IB exams for awarding general education credit