

7.0 Credit by External Exams

There is no limit on the number of external exams that can be applied to IGETC. External exams may be used regardless of when the exam was taken.

7.1 Advanced Placement (AP)

A score of 3, 4 or 5 is required to grant credit for IGETC certification. An acceptable AP score for IGETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes. Each AP exam may be applied to one IGETC area as satisfying one course requirement, with the exception of Language other Than English (LOTE). Please see Section 10.6.3. 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 Area 1B- Critical Thinking/Composition requirement.
- Students earning scores of 3, 4 or 5 in a Physical or Biological science AP examination earn credit toward IGETC Area 5 and meet the IGETC Laboratory activity requirement.
- AP exams in Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2 or Physics B allow CCC campuses to apply 4 semester or 5 quarter units to IGETC certification.
- AP exams in Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism allow CCC campuses to apply 3 semester or 4 quarter units are applied for IGETC certification. Note: Students who complete these exams will be required to complete at least 4 semester or 5 quarter units to satisfy the minimum required units for Area 5. Please see Section 10.5 for more details.

AP EXAMINATION	IGETC AREA	AP EXAMINATION	IGETC AREA
Art History*	3A or 3B*	U.S. Government & Politics	4 and US 2
Biology	5B and 5C	Human Geography	4
Calculus AB	2A	Italian Language & Culture	3B and 6A
Calculus BC	2A	Japanese Language & Culture	3B and 6A
Calculus BC/ AB sub score	2A	Latin Literature or Latin: Vergil	3B and 6A
Chemistry	5A and 5C	Latin	3B and 6A
Chinese Language & Culture	3B and 6A	Physics 1	5A and 5C
Macroeconomics	4	Physics 2	5A and 5C
Microeconomics	4	Physics B	5A and 5C
English Language/Composition	1A	Physics C mechanics	5A and 5C
English Literature/Composition*	1A or 3B*	Physics C electricity/magnetism	5A and 5C
Environmental Science	5A and 5C	Psychology	4
European History*	3B or 4*	Spanish Language & Culture	3B and 6A
French Language & Culture	3B and 6A	Spanish Literature & Culture	3B and 6A
French Literature	3B and 6A	Statistics	2A
German Language & Culture	3B and 6A	U.S. History*	(3B or 4*) and US 1
Comparative Government & Politics	4	World History: Modern*	3B or 4*

An acceptable AP score for IGETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.

*AP exams may be used in either area regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

Example: U.S. History at a CCC is approved for Area 3B. The U.S. History AP may be used in Areas 3B or Area 4.

Actual AP transfer credit awarded for these and other AP exams for admission is determined by the CSU and UC. The UC Policy for AP credit can be found at: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/exam-credit/ap-credits/index.html>.

The CSU also has a system-wide policy for these and other AP exams for awarding transfer credit for admission. The CSU policy for AP can be found at <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/10711339/latest/>.

7.2 International Baccalaureate (IB)

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

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.

International Baccalaureate (IB)	IGETC 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 and 6A
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language, except English) HL	3B and 6A
IB Language A: Literature (any language) HL	3B
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language) HL	3B
IB Language B (any language) HL	6A
IB Mathematics HL	2A
IB Physics HL	5A
IB Psychology HL	4
IB Theatre HL	3A

*IB exam may be used in either area regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

Example: History at a CCC is approved for Area 3B. The History IB may be used in Areas 3B or Area 4.

Actual IB transfer credit awarded for these and other IB exams for admission is determined by the CSU and UC. The UC Policy for IB credit can be found at: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/exam-credit/ib-credits/index.html>.

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