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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** September 6, 2011  
**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Christine Mallon   
**Subject:** Systemwide Credit for External Examinations

This Coded Memorandum updates and supersedes Coded Memorandum AA-2010-09.

As directed in Executive Order 1036, Section 1.2.4, the CSU faculty have determined the following passing scores, minimum units of credit earned, and certification area (for General Education Breadth and/or U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals) for the enclosed list of standardized external examinations.

Note that each campus in the California State University system determines how it will apply external examinations toward credit in the major. For students not already certified in GE and/or American Institutions, the campus also determines how to apply credit from such exams toward the local degree requirements.

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Bakersfield  
Channel Islands  
Chico  
Dominguez Hills  
East Bay

Fresno  
Fullerton  
Humboldt  
Long Beach  
Los Angeles  
Maritime Academy

Monterey Bay  
Northridge  
Pomona  
Sacramento  
San Bernardino  
San Diego

San Francisco  
San José  
San Luis Obispo  
San Marcos  
Sonoma  
Stanislaus

	<u>Passing Score</u>	<u>Minimum Semester Credits Earned<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Semester Credits Toward GE Breadth Certification</u>	<u>American Institutions and/or GE Breadth Area<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Removal Date for GE Breadth<sup>3</sup></u>
<b>College Board Advanced Placement Tests</b>					
AP Art History	3	6	3	C1 or C2	
AP Biology	3	6	4	B2+B3	
AP Calculus AB <sup>4</sup>	3	3	3	B4	
AP Calculus BC <sup>4</sup>	3	6	3	B4	
AP Calculus BC/ AB Subscore <sup>4</sup>	3	3	3	B4	
AP Chemistry	3	6	6	B1+B3	F09
AP Chemistry	3	6	4	B1+B3	
AP Chinese Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
AP Comparative Government & Politics	3	3	3	D8	
AP Computer Science A <sup>4</sup>	3	3	0	n/a	
AP Computer Science AB <sup>4</sup>	3	6	0	n/a	
AP English Language	3	6	3	A2	
AP English Literature	3	6	6	A2+C2	
AP Environmental Science <sup>5</sup>	3	4	4	B2+B3	F09
AP Environmental Science <sup>5</sup>	3	4	4	B1+B3	
AP European History	3	6	3	C2 or D6	
AP French Language	3	6	6	C2	F09
AP French Language	3	6	3	C2	
AP French Literature	3	6	3	C2	F09
AP German Language	3	6	6	C2	F09
AP German Language	3	6	3	C2	
AP Human Geography	3	3	3	D5	
AP Italian Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	F10
AP Japanese Language and Culture	3	6	3	C2	
AP Latin Literature	3	6	3	C2	F09
AP Latin: Vergil	3	3	3	C2	
AP Macroeconomics	3	3	3	D2	
AP Microeconomics	3	3	3	D2	
AP Music Theory	3	6	3	C1	F09
AP Physics B <sup>6</sup>	3	6	6	B1+B3	F09
AP Physics B <sup>6</sup>	3	6	4	B1+B3	
AP Physics C (electricity/magnetism) <sup>6</sup>	3	4	4	B1+B3	
AP Physics C (mechanics) <sup>6</sup>	3	4	4	B1+B3	
AP Psychology	3	3	3	D9	
AP Spanish Language	3	6	6	C2	F09
AP Spanish Language	3	6	3	C2	
AP Spanish Literature	3	6	6	C2	F09
AP Spanish Literature	3	6	3	C2	
AP Statistics	3	3	3	B4	
AP Studio Art - 2D	3	3	0	n/a	
AP Studio Art - 3D	3	3	0	n/a	
AP Studio Art - Drawing	3	3	0	n/a	
AP U.S. Government & Politics	3	3	3	D8+US-2	
AP U.S. History	3	6	3	(C2 or D6)+US-1	
AP World History	3	6	3	C2 or D6	
<b>College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)</b>					
CLEP American Government	50	3	3	D8	
CLEP American Literature	50	3	3	C2	
CLEP Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	3	C2	
CLEP Biology	50	3	3	B2	

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CLEP Calculus	50	3	3	B4	
CLEP Chemistry	50	3	3	B1	
CLEP College Algebra	50	3	3	B4	
CLEP College Algebra - Trigonometry	50	3	3	B4	
CLEP College Mathematics	50	0	0	n/a	
CLEP English Composition (no essay)	50	0	0	n/a	
CLEP English Composition with Essay	50	0	0	n/a	
CLEP English Literature	50	3	3	C2	
CLEP Financial Accounting	50	3	0	n/a	
CLEP French <sup>7</sup> Level I	50	6	0	n/a	
CLEP French <sup>7</sup> Level II	59	12	3	C2	
CLEP Freshman College Composition	50	0	0	n/a	
CLEP German <sup>7</sup> Level I	50	6	0	n/a	
CLEP German <sup>7</sup> Level II	60	12	3	C2	
CLEP History, United States I	50	3	3	D6+US-1	
CLEP History, United States II	50	3	3	D6+US-1	
CLEP Human Growth and Development	50	3	3	E	
CLEP Humanities	50	3	3	C2	
CLEP Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	0	n/a	
CLEP Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	0	n/a	
CLEP Introductory Business Law	50	3	0	n/a	
CLEP Introductory Psychology	50	3	3	D9	
CLEP Introductory Sociology	50	3	3	D0	
CLEP Natural Sciences	50	3	3	B1 or B2	
CLEP Pre-Calculus	50	3	3	B4	
CLEP Principles of Accounting	50	3	0	n/a	
CLEP Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	3	D2	
CLEP Principles of Management	50	3	0	n/a	
CLEP Principles of Marketing	50	3	0	n/a	
CLEP Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	3	D2	
CLEP Social Sciences and History	50	0	0	n/a	
CLEP Spanish <sup>7</sup> Level I	50	6	0	n/a	
CLEP Spanish <sup>7</sup> Level II	63	12	3	C2	
CLEP Trigonometry	50	3	3	B4	
CLEP Western Civilization I	50	3	3	C2 or D6	
CLEP Western Civilization II	50	3	3	D6	
<b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b>					
IB Biology HL	5	6	3	B2	
IB Chemistry HL	5	6	3	B1	
IB Economics HL	5	6	3	D2	
IB Geography HL	5	6	3	D5	
IB History (any region) HL	5	6	3	C2 or D6	
IB Language A1 (any language) HL	4	6	3	C2	
IB Language A2 (any language) HL	4	6	3	C2	
IB Language B (any language) HL <sup>8</sup>	4	6	0	n/a	
IB Mathematics HL	4	6	3	B4	
IB Physics HL	5	6	3	B1	
IB Psychology HL	5	3	3	D9	
IB Theatre HL	4	6	3	C1	

<sup>1</sup>These units count toward eligibility for admission. The units may not all apply toward certification of the corresponding GE-Breadth area. See Executive Orders 1033 and 1036 for details.

<sup>2</sup>Areas of GE Breadth (A1 through E) are defined in EO 1033. Areas of American Institutions (US-1 through US-3) are set forth in Sections IA and IB of EO 405, and at assist.org.

<sup>3</sup>Students seeking certification in GE Breadth prior to transfer must have passed the test before this date.

<sup>4</sup>If a student passes more than one AP exam in calculus or computer science, only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate.

<sup>5</sup>Students who pass AP Environmental Science earn 4 units of credit. Tests prior to Fall 2009 may apply to either B1+B3 or B2+B3 of GE Breadth. Fall of 09 or later, those credits may only apply to B1+B3.

<sup>6</sup>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 a certification in GE Breadth.

<sup>7</sup>If a student passes more than one CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each test 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 test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of GE Breadth, as noted.

<sup>8</sup>The IB curriculum offers language at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives. Language A1 and A2 are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.