

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Credit Guide

AP Exam	Score	UW–Madison Credit/Course Equivalent
Art		
History of Art	3	3 credits, humanities electives
	4, 5	4 credits, Art History 101
Studio Art	3, 4, 5	3 credits, general electives
Biology		
	3	3 credits, biological science electives
	4, 5	5 credits, biological science electives
Calculus		
AB	3	3 credits, mathematics electives (exempt from GER Quantitative Reasoning Part A)
	4, 5	5 credits, Mathematics 221
BC	2	5 credits, Mathematics 221
	3, 4, 5	10 credits, Mathematics 221 and 222
Chemistry		
	3	3 credits, chemistry electives
	4, 5	3 credits, Chemistry 103
Computer Science		
A	3	3 credits, computer science electives
	4, 5	3 credits, Computer Science 302
AB	3	3 credits, computer science electives (natural science)
	4	6 credits, Computer Science 302 (3 credits) and computer science electives (3 credits, natural science)
	5	6 credits, Computer Science 302 and 367
Economics		
Macroeconomics	3	3 credits, social studies electives
	4, 5	4 credits, Economics 102
Microeconomics	3	3 credits, social studies electives
	4, 5	4 credits, Economics 101
English		
Language and Composition	3	3 credits, English composition electives (not exempt from GER Communication Part A)
	4, 5	3 credits, English composition electives (exempt from GER Communication A)
Literature and Composition	3	3 credits, literature electives (not exempt from GER Communication Part A)
	4, 5	3 credits, literature electives (exempt from GER Communication Part A)
Environmental Science		
	3, 4, 5	3 credits, biological science electives
French		
Language	3	3 credits*, French X13
	4, 5	3 credits*, French 227
Literature	3	3 credits*, French 227
	4, 5	4 credits*, French 271

* In some schools and colleges, it is possible to earn retroactive language credits for prior work completed in a foreign language. Contact the language department to learn more about retroactive credits and to determine which type of credit (AP or retroactive) will best meet your needs.

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German		
Language	3	3 credits*, German electives
	4, 5	3 credits*, German 226
Government and Politics		
Comparative	3	3 credits, political science electives
	4, 5	4 credits, Political Science 106
United States	3	3 credits, political science electives
	4, 5	4 credits, Political Science 104
History		
European History	3	3 credits, general electives
	4, 5	6 credits, History 119 and 120
United States History	3	3 credits, general electives
	4, 5	6 credits, History 101 and 102
World History	3	3 credits, general electives
	4, 5	3 credits, History 135
Human Geography		
	3	3 credits, geography electives
	4, 5	3 credits, geography electives (social science)
Italian		
Language	3, 4	4 credits*, Italian 204
	5	4 credits*, Italian 452
Latin		
Literature	3, 4, 5	8 credits*, Latin 103 and 104
Vergil	3, 4, 5	8 credits*, Latin 103 and 104
Music Theory		
	3, 4, 5	3 credits, Music 111 (music majors must take placement test)
Physics		
B	3	3 credits, physics electives
	4, 5	8 credits, Physics 103 and 104
C Electricity and Magnetism	3	3 credits, physics electives
	4, 5	5 credits, Physics 202 or 208 (proposed major determines equivalency)
C Mechanics	3	3 credits, physics electives
	4, 5	5 credits, Physics 201 or 207 (proposed major determines equivalency)
Psychology		
	3	3 credits, psychology electives
	4, 5	3 credits, Psychology 202
Spanish		
Language	3, 4	4 credits*, Spanish 204
	5	3 credits*, Spanish 226
Literature	3	4 credits*, Spanish 204
	4, 5	3 credits*, Spanish 224
Statistics		
	3	3 credits, statistics electives
	4, 5	3 credits, Statistics 301