

Palomar College

2023/2024 Advanced Placement (AP) Guide

- Students must have the College Board send an official Advanced Placement transcript to the Palomar College Records Office. Credit is awarded for scores of 3, 4, or 5. Students shall not receive duplicate credit for equivalent coursework and AP exams.
- AP credit may be used to meet Associate Degree GE and/or Palomar major course work, CSU GE, and IGETC requirements. Each CSU/UC campus will determine how it will apply examinations toward units and coursework in the major and G.E. (if not certified prior to transfer)
- When included within the Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T), Advanced Placement (AP) credit shall apply toward the lower-division minimum unit requirement for the CSU degree, and if applicable, the minimum unit designation for the CSU major or CSU GE-Breadth requirements.

NOTE: Palomar College external exam policy for local associate degree and general education aligns with that of the CSU external exam policy. Please reference the CSU external exam policy for exam effective dates.

[CSU External Exam Policy](#)

NE: no course equivalency NA: not applicable See footnotes for details

AP Exam	Score	Palomar Equivalent	Palomar Units	Palomar GE Units	Palomar GE Area	CSU Transfer Units	CSUGE Units	CSUGE/AHI Area	UC Transfer Units	IGETC Units	IGETC Area
Art History	3	ART 100	6	3	C	6	3	C1 or C2	5.3	3	3A or 3B
Biology	3	BIOL 100	6	4	B	6	4	B2 + B3	5.3	4	5B + 5 C
Calculus AB*	3	MATH 140	3	3	A2 + Math Competency	3 ¹	3	B4	2.6 ²	3	2A
Calculus BC*	3	MATH 140 + MATH 141	6	3	A2 + Math Competency	6 ¹	3	B4	5.3 ²	3	2A
Calculus BC/AB*	3	MATH 140	3	3	A2 + Math Competency	3 ¹	3	B4	2.6 ²	3	2A
Chemistry	3	CHEM 110 + CHEM 110L	6	4	B	6	4 ³	B1 + B3	5.3	4	5A + 5C
Chinese Language & Culture	3	CHIN 201	6	3	C	6	3	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6 A
Comparative Government & Politics	3	NE	3	3	D	3	3	D	2.6	3	4
Computer Science A	3	CSCI 114	3	0	NA	3 ¹	0	NA	5.3 ⁵	0	NA
Computer Science Principles ¹⁹	3	CSCI 112	6	3	A2	6 ¹	3	B4	5.3	0	NA
English Language & Composition	3	ENG 100	6	3	A1	6	3	A2	5.3 ⁶	3	1A
English Language (Historical Exam)	3	NE	6	3	A1	6	3	A2	0	0	NA

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English Literature & Composition ¹⁸	3	ENG 100 + ENG 205	6	6	A1 + C	6	6	A2 + C2	5.3 ⁶	3	1A or 3B
English Literature (Historical Exam)	3	NE	6	6	A1+C	6	6	A2+C2	0	0	NA
Environmental Science	3	NE	4	4	B	4	4	B1 + B3 ⁷	2.6	3 ⁸	5A + 5C
European History	3	NE	6	3	C or D	6	3	C2 or D	5.3	3	3B or 4
European History	4 or 5	HIST 106	6	3	C or D	6	3	C2 or D	5.3	3	3B or 4
French Language & Culture	3	FREN 201	6	3	C	6	3 ⁹	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6A
German Language & Culture	3	GERM 201	6	3	C	6	3 ⁹	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6A
Human Geography	3	GEOG 105	3	3	D	3	3	D	2.6	3	4
Italian Language & Culture	3	ITAL 201	6	3	C	6	3	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6A
Japanese Language & Culture	3	JAPN 201	6	3	C	6	3	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6A
Latin	3	NE	6	3	C	6	3	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6A
Macroeconomics	3	ECON 101	3	3	D	3	3	D	2.6	3	4
Microeconomics	3	ECON 102	3	3	D	3	3	D	2.6	3	4
Music Theory	3	MUS 103	6	3	C	6	0	NA	5.3	0	NA
Physics 1	3	PHYS 120	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B1 + B3	5.3 ¹¹	4	5A + 5C
Physics 2	3	PHYS 121	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B1 + B3	5.3 ¹¹	4	5A + 5C
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism ⁸	3	PHYS 201	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B1 + B3	2.6 ¹¹	3	5A + 5C
Physics C: Mechanics ⁸	3	PHYS 200	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹⁰	B1 + B3	2.6 ¹¹	3	5A + 5C
PreCalculus	3	NE	3	3	A2 + Math Competency	3	3	B4	0	0	NA
Psychology	3	PSYC 100	3	3	D	3	3	D	2.6	3	4
Seminar	3	NE	3	0	NA	3	0	NA	0	0	NA
Spanish Language & Culture	3	SPAN 201	6	3	C	6	3 ¹²	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6A
Spanish Language (Historical Exam)	3	NE	6	3	C	6	3	C2	0	0	NE
Spanish Literature & Culture	3	SPAN 202	6	3	C	6	3 ¹³	C2	5.3	3	3B + 6A

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Spanish Literature (Historical Exam)	3	NE	6	3	C	6	3	C2	0	NE	NE
Statistics	3	MATH 120	3	3	A2 + Math Competency	3	3	B4	2.6	3	2A
Studio Art: 2-D Design	3	NE	3	0	NA	3	0	NA	5.3 ¹⁴	0	NA
Studio Art: 3-D Design	3	NE	3	0	NA	3	0	NA	5.3 ¹⁴	0	NA
Studio Art: Drawing	3	NE	3	0	NA	3	0	NA	5.3 ¹⁴	0	NA
US Government & Politics ¹⁵	3	NE	3	3	D + US-2 ¹⁶	3	3	D + US-2 ¹⁶	2.6	3	4 + US-2 ¹⁶
US History ¹⁵	3	NE	6	3	C or D + US-1 ¹⁷	6	3	C2 or D + US-1 ¹⁷	5.3	3	3B or 4 + US-1 ¹⁷
US History ¹⁵	4	HIST 101 or HIST 102	6	3	C or D + US-1 ¹⁷	6	3	C2 or D + US-1 ¹⁷	5.3	3	3B or 4 + US-1 ¹⁷
US History ¹⁵	5	HIST 101 + HIST 102	6	3	C or D + US-1 ¹⁷	6	3	C2 or D + US-1 ¹⁷	5.3	3	3B or 4 + US-1 ¹⁷
World History Modern	3	NE	3	3	C or D	3	3	C2 or D	5.3	3	3B or 4
World History Modern	4 or 5	HIST 108	3	3	C or D	3	3	C2 or D	5.3	3	3B or 4

Notes:

*The maximum credit toward the associate degree is 6.0 units combined.

¹ For the CSU, if a student passes more than one AP exam in calculus or computer science, only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate.

² UC limitations include a maximum of 8 quarter/5.3 semester units for both Calculus AB and BC.

³ Prior to Fall 2009, the CSU awarded 6 units toward B1+B3

⁴ Students who completed the exam prior to Fall 2009 may apply 6 units to B1+B3.

⁵ Prior to Fall 2018, The UC awarded 1.3 semester units.

⁶ The UC unit limitations include 5.3 semester/8 quarter units for English Language & Composition and English Literature and Composition combined

⁷ For the CSU, students who completed the exam prior to Fall 2009 may apply GE credit toward B1+B3 or B2+B3.

⁸ Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics, and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism earn 3 semester/4 quarter units each on IGETC and will require at least 4 additional semester units to include an Area 5B course to satisfy IGETC Area 5.

⁹ The CSU awarded 6 units toward CSU GE C2 prior to Fall 2009.

¹⁰ For Palomar College associate degrees and CSU transfer units, if a student passes more than one AP exam in physics, only six units of credit may be applied to the associate or CSU transfer, and only four units of credit may be applied toward Palomar and/or CSU GE.

¹¹ The UC limits all AP Physics exams to a maximum of 5.3 semester units/8 quarter units combined.

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¹² The CSU awarded 6 units toward C2 up until Spring 2014

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¹⁴ UC credit limitations for all three exams is 5.3 semester/8 quarter units combined.

¹⁵ Passing US Government & Politics and US History exams in combination with a "C" or better in POSC 120 or any other US-3 approved course will fulfill AHI.

¹⁶ For AHI, students must complete any US-1 and US-3 course with a "C" or better.

¹⁷ For AHI, students need to complete POSC 102 or any approved US-2 and US-3 course.

¹⁸ English Literature and Composition Palomar equivalent, units, and GE are retroactive to spring 2015, per the CSU external exam policy

¹⁹ Computer Science Principles degree units and GE effective F16