



AP Credit Guide: College Course Equivalencies

The table below shows how AP exams can count for college credit at New Mexico's public colleges and universities. Students who earn a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can receive college credit. Most courses listed are 3 credit hours, unless noted otherwise. Science courses that include a lab (marked with a "C") are 4 credit hours, and lab-only courses (marked with an "L") are 1 credit hour. In most cases, these courses also count toward General Education requirements at New Mexico public colleges and universities. More detail about AP Exams can be found at: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses>

AP Exam	Minimum Score for Credit	College Course Credit Earned: Course Equivalent(s)
General Education Area: I Communication (6 Credits Required)		
AP English Language and Composition	3, 4 or 5	ENGL 1110. Composition I
General Education Area: II Mathematics (3 Credits Required)		
AP Calculus AB	3 4 or 5	MATH 1250. Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus MATH 1510, 1511, or 1512. Calculus I
AP Calculus BC	3	MATH 1510, 1511, or 1512. Calculus I* * Calculus I only if AP Calculus AB subscore of 4
	4	MATH 1510, 1511, or 1512. Calculus I AND MATH 1520, 1521, or 1522. Calculus II^ ^ Calculus II upon successful completion of Calculus III
	5	MATH 1510, 1511, or 1512. Calculus I AND MATH 1520, 1521, or 1522. Calculus II
AP Precalculus	3 4 or 5	MATH 1240. Pre-Calculus MATH 1250. Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus
AP Statistics	3, 4, or 5	MATH 1350. Introduction to Statistics
General Education Area: III Science (4 Credits Required)		
AP Biology	3	BIOL 1140/1140L or 1140C Biology for Health Sciences and Lab* OR BIOL 1110/1110L or 1110C General Biology and Lab*
	4 or 5	BIOL 2110/2110L or 2110C Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Lab* *Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated for the credit given.
AP Chemistry	3	CHEM 1110/1110L or 1110C Chemistry in Our Community and Lab*
	4	CHEM 1215/1215L or 1215C General Chemistry I for STEM Majors and Lab*
	5	CHEM 1215/1215L or 1215C. General Chemistry I for STEM Majors and Lab* AND CHEM 1225/1225L or 1225C. General Chemistry II for STEM Majors and Lab* *Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated for the credit given.
AP Environmental Science	3, 4, or 5	ENVS 1110. Environmental Science I OR FORS 1010. Humans and Ecosystems FORS 1010 applies only to New Mexico Highlands University and is not a General Education course.
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 1230/1230L or 1230C. Algebra Based Physics I and Lab* *Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated for the credit given.
AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 1240/1240L or 1240C. Algebra Based Physics II and Lab* *Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated for the credit given.
AP Physics C: Mechanics	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 1310/1310L or 1310C. Calculus Based Physics I and Lab* *Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated for the credit given.
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 1320/1320L or 1320C. Calculus Based Physics II and Lab* *Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated for the credit given.

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General Education Area: IV Social and Behavioral Science (3 Credits Required)		
AP Comparative Government and Politics	3, 4 or 5	POLS 2110. Comparative Politics
AP Human Geography	3, 4 or 5	GEOG 1165. People and Place
AP Macroeconomics	3, 4 or 5	ECON 2110. Macroeconomic Principles
AP Microeconomics	3, 4 or 5	ECON 2120. Microeconomic Principles
AP Psychology	3, 4 or 5	PSYC 1110. Introduction to Psychology
AP United States Government and Politics	3, 4 or 5	POLS 1120. American National Government
General Education Area: V Humanities* (3 Credits Required)		
AP African American Studies	3, 4, or 5	AFST 1110. Introduction to Africana Studies Area IV at CNM, Area V at NMSU, and Area V(B) at UNM; other institutions may select either General Education Area IV or V, based on what best
AP English Literature and Composition	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 1410. Introduction to Literature
AP European History	3	HIST 1150. Western Civilization I
	4 or 5	HIST 1150. Western Civilization I AND HIST 1160. Western Civilization II
AP United States History	3	HIST 1110. US History I
	4 or 5	HIST 1110. US History I AND HIST 1120. US History II
AP World History: Modern	3	HIST 1130. World History I
	4 or 5	HIST 1130. World History I AND HIST 1140. World History II
AP Chinese Language & Culture	3	CHIN 1130. Mandarin Chinese I Intensive
	4	CHIN 1130. Mandarin Chinese I Intensive AND CHIN 1140. Mandarin Chinese II Intensive
	5	CHIN 1130. Mandarin Chinese I Intensive AND CHIN 1140. Mandarin Chinese II Intensive AND CHIN 2110. Mandarin Chinese III
AP French Language & Culture	3	FREN 1110. French I
	4	FREN 1110. French I AND FREN 1120. French II
	5	FREN 1110. French I, FREN 1120. French II, AND FREN 2110. French III
AP German Language & Culture	3	GRMN 1110. German I
	4	GRMN 1110. German I AND GRMN 1120. German II
	5	GRMN 1110. German I, GRMN 1120. German II, AND GRMN 2110. German III
AP Italian Language & Culture	3	Italian I
	4	Italian I AND Italian II
	5	Italian I, Italian II, AND Italian III No course or General Education equivalent in New Mexico for Italian.
AP Japanese Language & Culture	3	JAPN 1110. Japanese I
	4	JAPN 1110. Japanese I AND JAPN 1120. Japanese II
	5	JAPN 1110. Japanese I, JAPN 1120. Japanese II AND JAPN 2110. Japanese III Only JAPN 2110 is listed as General Education (Area V(B) at UNM).
AP Latin	3	LATN 1110. Latin I
	4	LATN 1110. Latin I AND LATN 1120. Latin II
	5	LATN 1110. Latin I, LATN 1120. Latin II, AND LATN 2110. Latin III
AP Spanish Language & Culture	3	SPAN 1110. Spanish I
	4	SPAN 1110. Spanish I AND SPAN 1120. Spanish II
	5	SPAN 1110. Spanish I, SPAN 1120. Spanish II, AND SPAN 2110. Spanish III
AP Spanish Literature & Culture	3, 4, or 5	SPAN 2280. Introduction to Hispanic Literature

AP Exam	Minimum Score for Credit	College Course Credit Earned: Course Equivalent(s)
General Education Area: VI Creative and Fine Arts (3 Credits Required)		
AP 2-D Art and Design	3	ARTS 1610. Drawing I OR ARTS 1240. Design I
	4 or 5	ARTS 1610. Drawing I OR ARTS 1240. Design I AND ARTS 2610. Drawing II
AP 3-D Art and Design	3	ARTS 1610. Drawing I OR ARTS 1240. Design I
	4 or 5	ARTS 1610. Drawing I OR ARTS 1240. Design I AND ARTS 2610. Drawing II
AP Art History	3	ARTH 2110. History of Art I
	4 or 5	ARTH 2110. History of Art I AND ARTH 2120. History of Art II
AP Drawing	3, 4, or 5	ARTS 1610. Drawing I OR ARTS 1240. Design I
AP Music Theory	3, 4, or 5	MUSC 1210. Fundamentals of Music for Non-majors
General Education Area: VI Creative and Fine Arts (3 Credits Required)		
AP Seminar	3, 4, or 5	HNRS 1980. AP Seminar
AP Research	3, 4, or 5	HNRS 2980. AP Research
AP Business with Personal Finance	3, 4, or 5	ENTR 1110. Entrepreneurship
Not General Education		
AP Cybersecurity	3, 4, or 5	CIST 2881. Cybersecurity Fundamentals
AP Computer Science A	3	Computer Science I
	4 or 5	Computer Science I AND Object Oriented Programming <small>These computer science courses are not yet common-numbered.</small>
AP Computer Science Principles	3, 4, or 5	Introduction to Computer Science <small>Not yet common numbered.</small>

*At the University of New Mexico (UNM), General Education Area V is coded as VA for non-language courses and VB for foreign language courses. These courses transfer as Area V to other New Mexico public postsecondary institutions. UNM accepts transfer Area V coursework as either VA or VB, depending on subject matter.