

UC San Diego Advanced Placement Credit 2025-2026

Quick Guide on How AP Units Apply to Eighth College GE's

The University of California grants credit for most College Board Advanced Placement Tests (AP) on which a student scores 3 or higher. The credit may be subject credit for use on a minor or prerequisite to a major, or credit toward general education requirements, or elective units toward graduation. A student cannot receive credit for a UC San Diego course that duplicates AP credit. Students should be advised that college courses taken before or after attending UC may duplicate AP examinations. Additionally, exams may duplicate each other (for example, AP and IB exams in the same subject area). If a student does duplicate an exam with another exam of the same subject content, and/or an exam with a college course, credit will be awarded only once. Credit and/or placement listed is based on 2024–2025 exams.

Courses noted as “elective credit only” in column 3, means that you will get the units for the exam score (as listed in column 1) and you meet any exemption listed in column 2 (if applicable), but the units do not fulfill a specific Eighth College GE requirement.

EXAM AND UNITS FOR UNIVERSITY CREDIT	SCORE	UC SAN DIEGO COURSE EXEMPTIONS	EIGHTH COLLEGE
African American Studies (TBD)	3, 4, 5	None	If 4 units, 1 course toward Humanities requirement.
Art Studio Drawing (8) 2D Art and Design (8) 3D Art and Design (8) (8-unit max for all tests)	3, 4, 5	None	Each score of 3, 4, or 5 satisfies 1 course towards arts requirement
Art History (8)	3, 4, 5	None	Meets arts requirement
Biology (8)	3	Exempts BILD 10	Meets natural sciences requirement
	4, 5	Exempts BILD 1, 2, and 3	
Chemistry (8)	3	Exempts CHEM 4	Meets natural sciences requirement
	4	Exempts CHEM 6A CHEM 6AH advised for professional school	
	5	Exempts CHEM 6A, 6B, 6C CHEM 6AH, 6BH, 6CH advised for professional school	
Computer Science A (Java Programming) (8)	3	None	Each score of 3, 4, or 5 meets Quantitative Methods/Engineering requirement
	4, 5	Exempts CSE 8A Student should take CSE 11	
Computer Science Computer Science Principles (8)	3	None	Each score of 3, 4, or 5 meets Quantitative Methods/Engineering requirement
	4, 5	Exempts CSE 3	
Economics Microeconomics (4)	3, 4	None	Satisfies 1 course toward social sciences requirement
	5	Exempts ECON 1	
Economics Macroeconomics (4)	3, 4	None	Satisfies 1 course toward social sciences requirement
	5	Exempts ECON 3	
English Composition and Literature (8) Language and Composition (8) (8-unit max for both tests)	3, 4, 5	Meets Entry Level Writing Requirement	Elective credit and meets Entry Level Writing Requirement
Environmental Science (4)	3	None	Satisfies 1 course toward natural sciences requirement
	4, 5	Exempts ESYS 10	
Government and Politics: United States (4)	3, 4	Meets American History and Institutions Requirement	Elective credit only
	5	Meets American History and Institutions Requirement Exempts POLI 10	
Government and Politics: Comparative (4)	3, 4	None	Elective credit only
	5	Exempts POLI 11	
History: United States (8)	3, 4, 5	Meets American History and Institutions Requirement Exempts 2 quarters US history May take HILD 2A, 2B, or 2C	Score of 3, 4, or 5 satisfies 1 course towards Humanities requirement
History: European (8)	3, 4, 5	None	Elective credit only
History: World (8)	3, 4, 5	None	Elective credit only
Human Geography (4)	3, 4, 5	None	Elective credit only
Language other than English Chinese (8) French (8) German (8) Italian (8) Japanese (8) Spanish (8)	3	Exempts LIFR/LIGM/LIIT/LISP 1C/1CX	Score of 3 satisfies 1 course towards Humanities requirement. Score of 4 or 5 meets Humanities requirement
	4	Exempts LIFR/LIGM/LIIT/LISP 1D/1DX or LTFR/LTGM/LTSP/LTIT 2A	
	5	Exempts LTFR/LTGM/LIIT/LTSP 2B	
Latin Latin: Virgil (4) Latin: Literature (4)	3, 4, 5	Exempts LTLA 1, 2, 3	Each score of 3, 4, or 5 satisfies 1 course towards Humanities requirement
Literature	3	Exempts LISP 1D/DX or LTSP 2A	Score of 3, 4, or 5 meets Humanities

Spanish (8)	4	Exempts LTSP 2B	requirement
	5	Exempts LTSP 2C	
Mathematics Calculus AB (4) (8-unit max for both math tests)	3	Exempts MATH 10A	Satisfies 1 course toward quantitative reasoning & engineering requirement
	4, 5	Exempts MATH 20A or 10A	
Mathematics Calculus BC (8) (8-unit max for both math tests)	3	Exempts MATH 20A or 10A, 10B	Meets quantitative reasoning & engineering requirement
	4, 5	Exempts MATH 20A, 20B or 10A, 10B	
Music Theory (8)	3, 4, 5	None	Each score of 3, 4, or 5 satisfies 1 course towards Arts requirement
Physics Physics 1 or 2 (8) (8-unit max for all three physics tests)	3, 4, 5	Exempts PHYS 10	Meets natural sciences requirement
Physics Physics C Mechanics (4) (8-unit max for all three physics tests)	3	Exempts PHYS 1A	Satisfies 1 course toward natural sciences requirement
	4, 5	Exempts PHYS 1A or 2A	
Physics Physics C Electricity and Magnetism (4) (8-unit max for all three physics tests)	3	Exempts PHYS 1B	Satisfies 1 course toward natural sciences requirement
	4, 5	Exempts PHYS 1B or 2B	
Psychology (4)	3	None	Elective credit only
	4, 5	Exempts PSYC 1	
Statistics (4)	3, 4, 5	None	Satisfies 1 course toward quantitative reasoning & engineering requirement