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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 10, 2010  
**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Christine Mallon   
**Subject:** Systemwide Credit for External Examinations

This Coded Memorandum updates and supersedes Coded Memorandum AA-2009-11.

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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**CSU Campuses**  
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<br/>Score</u> | <u>Minimum<br/>Semester<br/>Credits<br/>Earned<sup>1</sup></u> | <u>Semester<br/>Credits<br/>Toward<br/>GE Breadth<br/>Certification</u> | <u>American<br/>Institutions<br/>and/or<br/>GE Breadth<br/>Area<sup>2</sup></u> | <u>Removal<br/>Date for<br/>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  |  |

|  | <u>Passing</u><br><u>Score</u> | <u>Minimum</u><br><u>Semester</u><br><u>Credits</u><br><u>Earned<sup>1</sup></u> | <u>Semester</u><br><u>Credits</u><br><u>Toward</u><br><u>GE Breadth</u><br><u>Certification</u> | <u>American</u><br><u>Institutions</u><br><u>and/or</u><br><u>GE Breadth</u><br><u>Area<sup>2</sup></u> | <u>Removal</u><br><u>Date for</u><br><u>GE Breadth<sup>3</sup></u> |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| CLEP Biology                                       | 50                             | 3  | 3   | B2  |  |
| 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>7</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](http://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.