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CODED MEMORANDUM

TO: California Articulation Officers

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SUBJECT: Systemwide Credit for External Examinations

Background

As directed in [Executive Order 1036](#), Section 1.2.4, the California State University (CSU) faculty has determined passing scores and, when appropriate, certification areas (for General Education Breadth and United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals) for CSU-approved standardized external examinations. The list is available as an attachment and may also be found [online](#) on the Cal State Apply website.

Updates

Updates to this coded memorandum include:

- a) An addition to the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) chart (AP Computer Science Principles);
- b) A new attachment that provides systemwide standards for Defense Language Institute/Defense Language Placement Tests based on American Council on Education recommendations; and
- c) A revision to the AP, College-Level Examination Program and International Baccalaureate charts. The “Minimum Semester Credits Earned towards Admission” column was removed as these units are determined by the admitting CSU campus.

Implementation

Note that each CSU campus determines how it will apply external examinations toward credit in the major. For students not already certified in General Education (GE) and/or American Institutions, the campus also determines how to apply credit from such exams toward the local degree requirements.

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

Credit Awarded Through Associate Degrees for Transfer

When within the Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T), a California Community College awards course equivalency credit for a CSU-approved standardized external examination – and the student’s transcript is annotated to reflect the course to which credit was earned by examination – the CSU campus shall accept the course units awarded. These units shall be applied toward the lower-division minimum unit requirement for the CSU degree and, if applicable, toward meeting the minimum unit designation for the CSU major or CSU GE-Breadth requirements. For CSU campuses, entry of this credit to a student’s record can be accomplished through multiple methods. In the Common Management System, campuses may use “test credits” (automated or manual) functionality or “other credits” functionality to award the credit.

If there are any questions about test-credit entry, please contact Darlene Daclan, director of Academic Affairs Business Systems, at ddaclan@calstate.edu. If you have any other questions please contact me at awrynn@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4603.

Attachments

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