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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** California Articulation Officers  
**From:** Christine Hanson   
**Subject:** Systemwide Credit for External Examinations

This Coded Memorandum supersedes the 1997 memo from CSU Academic Affairs, "Use of Advanced Placement Examinations in GE-Breadth Certification," and any addenda to Executive Order 365.

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 GE certification area for the enclosed list 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, the campus also determines how to apply credit from such exams toward the local general education requirements.

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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 Score</u>	<u>Minimum Semester Credits Earned<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Semester Credits Toward GE Breadth Certification</u>	<u>GE Breadth Area</u>	<u>Removal Date for GE Breadth<sup>2</sup></u>
<b>College Board Advanced Placement Tests</b>					
AP Art History	3	6	3	C1	
AP Biology	3	6	4	B2+B3	
AP Calculus AB <sup>3</sup>	3	3	3	B4	
AP Calculus BC <sup>3</sup>	3	6	3	B4	
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>3</sup>	3	3	0	n/a	
AP Computer Science AB <sup>3</sup>	3	6	0	n/a	
AP English Language	3	6	3	A2	
AP English Literature	3	6	6	A2+C2	
AP Environmental Science	3	4	4	B2+B3	
AP European History	3	6	3	D6	
AP French Language	3	6	3	C2	
AP French Literature	3	6	3	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	
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>4</sup>	3	6	4	B1+B3	
AP Physics C (electricity/magnetism) <sup>4</sup>	3	4	4	B1+B3	
AP Physics C (mechanics) <sup>4</sup>	3	4	4	B1+B3	
AP Psychology	3	3	3	D9	
AP Spanish Language	3	6	3	C2	
AP Spanish Literature	3	6	3	C2	
AP Statistics	3	3	3	B4	
AP Studio Art	3	3	0	n/a	
AP U.S. Government & Politics	3	3	3	D8	
AP U.S. History	3	6	3	D6	
AP World History	3	6	3	D6	
<b>College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)</b>					
CLEP Calculus	51	3	0	n/a	
CLEP Chemistry	48	3	0	n/a	

<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>Students seeking certification in GE Breadth prior to transfer must have passed the test before this date.

<sup>3</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>4</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.