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TO: California Articulation Officers
FROM: Jason S. Sexton, PhD 
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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) A revision to the Advanced Placement, College-Level Examination Program and International Baccalaureate charts. The “Minimum Semester Credits Earned towards Admission” column was reinserted.
- b) The reduction of AP World History credit from 6 to 3 units per the recommendation of the Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Council (GEAC).

Implementation

Note that each CSU campus still 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.

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—the CSU campus shall accept the course units awarded. These units shall be applied toward the lower-division minimum unit requirement

CSU Campuses	Fresno	Monterey Bay	San Francisco
Bakersfield	Fullerton	Northridge	San José
Channel Islands	Humboldt	Pomona	San Luis Obispo
Chico	Long Beach	Sacramento	San Marcos
Dominguez Hills	Los Angeles	San Bernardino	Sonoma
East Bay	Maritime Academy	San Diego	Stanislaus

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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 or (562) 951-4224. Other questions may be directed to me at jsexton@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4147.

Attachments

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- Dr. Suzanne D. Phillips, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Services
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- Dr. April Grommo, Director, Enrollment Management Services
- Ms. Darlene Daclan, Director, Academic Affairs Business Systems
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