

EVALUATION OF TRANSFER CREDIT

The Office of Academic Records evaluates previous college work as it relates to the requirements at Cal Poly. Each student seeking a degree will be issued an Evaluation of Transfer Credit statement, which will serve as a basis for determining the remaining requirements for the student's specific degree objective. Semester units transferred to Cal Poly will be converted to quarter units by multiplying the semester units by one and one-half.

Evaluation of Transfer Credit statements are completed automatically after students are admitted. It is important that new transfer students review their previous college work in terms of the degree and credential requirements outlined in the catalog to make a tentative selection of courses for their first quarter of enrollment. Students should consult a faculty advisor in their major department or the appropriate Advising Center for assistance in the selection of courses.

The evaluation remains valid as long as the student matriculates for the term specified, pursues the objective declared, and remains in continuous attendance.

While students may follow the specific catalog year academic requirements on which their Evaluation of Transfer Credit is based, they will be responsible for complying with changes in other regulations, policies, and procedures, which may appear in subsequent catalogs.

Credit for Community College Courses

Course credit earned in accredited community colleges will be evaluated by the Evaluations Unit in the Office of Academic Records in accordance with the following provisions:

- Community college credit is allowed up to a maximum of 105 quarter units (70 semester units). Credits and grades earned above the maximum allowable may be used only to satisfy subject and grade point requirements but they may not be applied toward the total units required for graduation.
- Upper division credit will not be allowed for community college work.

Cal Poly maintains articulation agreements at www.assist.org with all of the California Community Colleges (CCC), the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses. The CCC campuses publish the CSU General Education (GE) and Intersegmental General Education Transfer Core (IGETC) course lists on the ASSIST website.

Transfer credit for GE courses will be accepted from California institutions, as approved by the CSU Chancellor's office. The GE Area letters and numbers at Cal Poly (e.g., GE A1, D4) may be different at other colleges. Many Cal Poly programs require specific GE courses in the Major and/or Support; these courses must be met with articulated equivalencies. See catalog page 56 and following for General Education requirements.

OTHER ACADEMIC CREDIT

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit

Cal Poly grants credit for AP exams successfully completed through the College Board AP program. AP scores may be requested from Educational Testing Service (ETS)/AP Programs and should be sent to Cal Poly electronically. Exams passed with a score of 3 or higher result in nine (9) quarter units of credit, except where otherwise noted. *To request scores: ETS/AP Program, PO Box 6671, Princeton, NJ 08541-6671 or (609) 771-7300.*

Credit may vary from year to year, as Cal Poly requirements and AP Exams change. AP credit matrices are available on the Office of Academic Records website:

www.ess.calpoly.edu/records. The AP exams for May 2007 will be available after publication of this catalog. The following table indicates credit likely to be given, based on past experience. It should be viewed as a guideline only and is subject to change:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM CREDIT - 2006		
Exam Name	#	Credit Granted & GE Area (GE)
Art History	13	ART 112 plus electives (C3)
Art: Drawing	14	9 units electives
Art: 2-D Design	15	9 units electives
Art: 3-D Design	16	9 units electives
Biology:	20	Score 3 = BIO 111 or 115 plus electives (B2 & B4) Score 4 or 5 = BIO 111 or 115 or 151 or 161 or BIO 213/ENGR 213 plus electives (B2 & B4)
Calculus AB	66	MATH 141 or 161 or 221 or 112 or 118 or 118 & 119 plus GE B1 electives. (B1)
Calculus BC	68	MATH 141 & 142 or 161 & 162 or 141 & 182 or 112 or 118 or 118 & 119 or 221 plus GE B1 electives. (B1)
Calculus BC: AB Subscore	69	MATH 141 or 161 or 221 or 112 or 118 or 118 & 119 plus GE B1 electives. (B1)
<i>Note: If both Calculus AB & BC exams are passed, credit is extended only for Calculus BC, since BC duplicates AB material.</i>		
Chemistry	25	Score 3 = CHEM 110 or 111 or 124 or 127 plus electives. (B3 & B4)
		Score 4 or 5 = CHEM 110 or 111 or 124 or 127 plus electives; check with the Chemistry Dept. for possible credit for CHEM 125 or 128. (B3 & B4)
<i>Note: 2007 AP Exam Yr: Score of 3 = CHEM 110 or 111 plus electives. Score 4 or 5 MAY give credit for CHEM 124 or 127 plus electives upon consultation with the Chemistry Dept Chair and course coordinator.</i>		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM CREDIT - 2006		
Exam Name	#	Credit Granted & GE Area (GE)
Computer Sci: Test A	31	Score 3 = 9 units electives Score 4 or 5 = CSC 101 plus electives
Computer Sci: Test AB	33	Score 3 = 9 units electives Score 4 or 5 = CSC 101 plus electives
<i>Note: If both Computer Science A & AB are passed, credit is extended for Computer Science AB, since AB duplicates the A material.</i>		
Economics: Micro	34	ECON 221 plus electives
Economics: Macro	35	ECON 222 plus electives (D2)
English: Lang & Comp	36	ENGL 134 plus electives (A1)
English: Lit & Comp	37	Score 3 = ENGL 134 plus electives (A1)
English: Lit and Comp	37	Score 4 or 5 = ENGL 134 & GE C1 Lit (4 units) plus 1 elective (A1 & C1) English Majors only: ENGL 134 plus electives (A1 only)
<i>Note: If both English Lit/Comp & Lang/Comp are passed, only 4.5 units of credit are awarded for the second exam (total of 13.5 units).</i>		
Environmental Science	40	FNR 101 plus electives
European History	43	HIST 111 plus electives
French: Language	48	Score 3 = FR 121 plus electives Score 4 or 5 = FR 121 & 122 plus 1 elective
French: Literature	51	Score 3 = FR 121 plus electives Score 4 = FR 121 & 122 plus 1 elective Score 5 = FR 121 (1 unit) & 122 & 233 (233 = C1)
<i>Note: If both French Language & Literature are passed, only 4.5 units of credit are awarded for the second exam (total of 13.5 units).</i>		
German Language	55	Score 3 = GER 121 plus electives Score 4 or 5 = GER 121 and 122 plus 1 elective
Govt & Politics: Comparative	58	9 units electives
Govt & Politics: United States	57	Upon completion of POLS 111 (1 unit CA Govt.) 3 units of credit are awarded for GE D1 (no credit for USCP) plus electives
Human Geog	53	GEOG 150 plus electives (D3)
Italian Language & Culture	58	Score 3 = FORL 121 plus electives Score 4 or 5 = FORL 121 & 122 plus 1 elective

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM CREDIT - 2006		
Exam Name	#	Credit Granted & GE Area (GE)
Latin: Virgil	60	Score 3 = FORL 121 plus electives Score 4 or 5 = FORL 121 & 122 plus 1 elective
Latin: Literature	61	Score 3 = FORL 121 plus electives Score 4 or 5 = FORL 121 & 122 plus 1 elective
<i>Note: If both Latin Virgil & Latin Literature are passed, only 4.5 units of credit are awarded for the second exam (total of 13.5 units).</i>		
Music Theory	75	MU 101 plus electives (C3)
Physics B	78	Score 3 = PHYS 104 plus electives. Present lab book to Physics Dept. for review and possible lab credit) (B3)
		Score 4 or 5 = PHYS 121 (1 unit) & 122 & 123 (B3 & B4)
Physics C: Mechanics	80	Score 3 = PHYS 121 plus electives (B3 & B4) Score 4 or 5 = PHYS 131 plus electives (B3 & B4)
<i>Note: If both Physics B & C: Mechanics are passed, credit is extended for Physics C (total of 9 units), since C duplicates the B material.</i>		
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	82	Score 3 = PHYS 123 plus electives (B3) Score 4 or 5 = PHYS 133 plus electives (B3 & B4)
Psychology	85	Score 3 = PSY 201 or 202 plus electives (D4)
		CD/PSY Majors only: Score 4 or 5 = PSY 201 or 202 (D4) plus lower-division concentration/ICS electives, if approved by dept. advisor.
Spanish: Language	87	Score 3 = SPAN 121 plus electives Score 4 or 5 = SPAN 121 & 122 plus 1 elective
Spanish: Literature	89	Score 3 = SPAN 121 plus electives Score 4 = SPAN 121 and 122 plus 1 elective Score 5 = SPAN 121 (1 unit), 122, and 233 (233 only = C1)
<i>Note: If both Spanish Language and Literature are passed, only 4.5 units of credit are awarded for the second exam (total of 13.5 units).</i>		
Statistics	90	Score 3 = STAT 130 plus electives (B1)
		Score 4 or 5 = STAT 211 or 217 or 218 or 221 or 251 plus electives (B1)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM CREDIT - 2006		
Exam Name	#	Credit Granted & GE Area (GE)
U. S. History	07	Upon completion of POLS 111 (1 unit CA Govt.), then 3 units of credit are awarded for GE D1 (no credit for USCP) plus electives
<i>Note: If both US History & US Govt/Politics are passed, upon completion of POLS 111, 3 units of credit are awarded for GE D1 (no credit for USCP) plus electives</i>		
World History	93	HIST 215 plus electives (D3)

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam Credit

The Cal Poly Academic Senate adopted a credit policy regarding the IB program in February 1990, as follows:

The International Baccalaureate Diploma shall be considered in lieu of a high school diploma for admission to the University.

Credit will be awarded for classes at the **Higher** level.

All credit is given on a credit/no credit basis; no units are calculated into the GPA.

For each exam score of 5 or higher, a maximum of 8 units of **elective** credit shall be awarded.

Course-specific credit may be granted with the concurrence of the academic department.

The following table indicates credit likely to be given, based on past experience. It should be viewed as a guideline only and is subject to change:

International Baccalaureate Exam Credit - 2006	
Exam Name	Credit Given & GE Area (GE)
Biology Grade of 5 or 6	BIO 111 or 115 plus electives (B3 & B4)
Grade of 7	BIO 111 or 115 or 151 plus electives (B3 & B4)
Chemistry:	CHEM 110 or 111 or 127+128 or 124 (see Chem Dept for possible credit for CHEM 125) plus electives <i>possible</i> (B3 & B4)
<i>Note: 2007 AP Exam Yr: CHEM 110 or 111 plus electives. Credit MAY give credit for CHEM 124 or 127 plus electives upon consultation with the Chemistry Dept Chair and course coordinator.</i>	
Computer Science	8 units electives
Economics:	ECON 222 plus electives (D2)
English: Grade of 5	8 units electives
Grade of 6 or 7	ENGL 253 plus electives (C1)
History: European	HIST 111 plus electives
American	Upon completion of POLS 111 (1 unit of Calif Govt), 3 units of IB exam credit are awarded for Area D1 (no credit for USCP) plus electives (D1)

International Baccalaureate Exam Credit - 2006	
Exam Name	Credit Given & GE Area (GE)
Language A1/A2: French	FR 305 plus electives (C4)
German	GER 305 plus electives (C4)
Spanish	SPAN 305 plus electives (C4)
Language B: French	FR 301 plus electives
German	GER 301 plus electives
Spanish	SPAN 301 plus electives
Mathematics:	MATH 141 or 161 or 221 plus electives (B1)
Philosophy	8 units electives
Physics:	PHYS 121 & 122 & 123 (B3 & B4)
Psychology:	PSY 201 or 202 plus PSY prefix electives (D4)
Social Anthropology	ANT 201 and GEOG 150 (D3)

Credit for Non-collegiate Instruction

Cal Poly grants undergraduate degree credit for successful completion of non-collegiate instruction, either military or civilian, appropriate to the baccalaureate, which has been recommended by the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education. The number of units allowed are those recommended in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services and the National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs.

Credit for Military Service

Nine quarter units of elective credit will be allowed toward graduation to any student submitting evidence of satisfactory completion of basic training in the military service of the United States. Credit is allowed in accordance with the recommendations by the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education. The number of units allowed are those recommended in the *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services*. Credit is not given for college level General Educational Development Tests. No grade points are assigned in connection with units of credit allowed for military service. The units allowed are not included in scholarship computations.

Credit by Examination

Cal Poly grants credit to those students who pass examinations that have been approved for credit systemwide. These include the Advanced Placement Examination and some College Level Entrance Program (CLEP) examinations.

CLEP tests acceptable for credit are:

- College Algebra-Trigonometry with a passing score of 49;
- General Chemistry with a passing score of 48;

- Calculus with Elementary Functions with a passing score of 51.

4.5 quarter units of credit may be earned with an assigned grade of credit (CR), which is not included in the GPA calculation.

Credit for CLEP and other externally developed examinations will *not* be awarded if any of the following apply:

- examination previously taken within the past year;
- equivalent degree credit or duplicate credit has already been granted;
- credit has been granted for previous coursework or for a previously completed more advanced or higher level examination.

Challenging Cal Poly Courses

A student may challenge a course in which he or she is qualified through previous education by taking an examination developed at the campus. Credit shall be awarded to those who pass them successfully. A student may not petition for credit by examination if the student has *ever* been enrolled in the course. Credit shall not be awarded when credit has been granted at a level more advanced than that represented by the course.

The credit by examination option is only available to regular Cal Poly students during a term in which they are officially enrolled. The graded credit by examination petition must be received by the Office of Academic Records prior to the beginning of the term after which credit is to be granted. A fee is charged for such an exam.

The examination may include written, oral, or skills tests, or a combination of all three types, and will be sufficiently comprehensive to determine that the student has essentially the same knowledge and skills as those students who successfully complete the course. The grade received is entered on the student's permanent record. The grade may not be Credit/No Credit. The length of the examination will be consistent with the unit value of the course.

Arrangements to obtain course credit by exam may be made with the head of the department in which the course is taught. Units of credit received through this procedure do not apply toward the residence requirements for any of the degrees or credentials offered by the University. Detailed instruction for applying for credit by examination may be obtained from the Office of Academic Records.

General Requirements – Bachelor's Degree

CHOICE OF CATALOG

Cal Poly issues a new catalog every one or two years, and the requirements for degree programs may change from one catalog to the next. Students have the right to choose the catalog they'll use, as described in Section 40401 of Title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations*.

An undergraduate student remaining in attendance in regular sessions at any California State University campus, at any California community college, or any combination of California community colleges and campuses of the California State University, may for purposes of meeting graduation requirements, elect to meet the requirements in effect at the campus from which the student will graduate either:

- (1) at the time the student began such attendance, or
- (2) at the time of entrance to the campus, or
- (3) at the time of graduation, or
- (4) as allowed by campus policy.

Campus authorities may authorize or require substitutions for discontinued courses. A campus may require a student changing his or her major or any minor field of study to complete the major or minor requirements in effect at the time of the change.

For purposes of this section, "attendance" means attendance in at least one semester or two quarters each university year. Absence due to an approved educational leave or for attendance at another accredited institution of higher learning shall not be considered an interruption in attendance, if the absence does not exceed two years. (Title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations*, Section 40401.)

Choice of Catalog Older than 10 years for Returning Students

Returning students may request to complete their degrees on a catalog older than 10 years if the only remaining degree requirements at the time they left Cal Poly do not exceed 16 units. The remaining degree requirements may include senior project, Graduation Writing Requirement, and/or United States Cultural Pluralism requirement. The decision to approve or disapprove a student's request is based on: (1) her/his willingness to commit to completing outstanding degree requirements within a specified timeframe, and (2) her/his ability to demonstrate, with written documentation, reasonable currency of knowledge and skills in her/his degree field to the satisfaction of the faculty in the applicable major, as certified by the department chair. Both the college dean and the Vice Provost for Academic Programs must give approval.