

Cuesta College Advanced Placement Policy

College credit is awarded for Advanced Placement (AP) exams passed with scores of 3, 4, or 5. This chart depicts how Advanced Placement exam scores are applied to Cuesta's local General Education requirements, to the CSU General Education pattern, and to the IGETC (UC General Education pattern). It also depicts the total number of transfer units students earn towards Cuesta's AA or AS degrees and CSU and UC BA or BS degrees.

The acceptance of an AP exam in satisfaction of major-specific course work is an individual campus decision, and policy differs from campus to campus. Therefore, transfer-bound students are strongly advised to see a counselor to determine if their AP exam will be accepted in lieu of a college course that is required for their major at their desired transfer institution. Students with AP exam credit should also see a counselor before completing a college course of comparable content, as it may be considered duplication and units may not be granted for both.

Official exam score reports are required in order to post appropriate AP credit to your myCuestaPathway. Official score reports should be directed to Cuesta's [Admissions and Records](#) Office. Information about ordering AP score reports can be found online:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/sending-scores>.

AP EXAM	Cuesta AA/AS General Education Area and Units Earned	Cuesta Units Earned towards AA/AS Degree	CSU General Education Area and Units Earned	CSU Units Earned towards Transfer & BA/BS Degrees	IGETC (General Education) Area and Units Earned	UC Units Earned towards Transfer & BA/BS Degrees
Art Studio Exam -- AP Unit limitations...			NOTE: No CSU credit limit for multiple Art Studio Exams		NOTE: UC maximum units limit is 8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units for Art Studio Exams	
Art – Studio Art Drawing	Area C: Arts/Humanities	3.0 sem units	N/A	3.0 sem units	N/A	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Art – Studio 2D Design	Area C: Arts/Humanities	3.0 sem units	N/A	3.0 sem units	N/A	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Art – Studio 3D Design	Area C: Arts/Humanities	3.0 sem units	N/A	3.0 sem units	N/A	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Art History	Area C: Arts/Humanities; credit for ART204	6.0 sem units	Area C1 OR C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3A OR 3B: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Biology	Area A: Science	6.0 sem units	Area B2 AND B3: 4.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 5B and 5C: 4.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Calculus Exam – AP Unit Limitations...	NOTE: Cuesta Max 6.0 sem units granted for AP Calculus Depending on the transfer institution, credit for Math 265B may or may not be fully covered with the Calc BC exam. Students are strongly advised to check with a counselor before moving directly into Math 283.		NOTE: CSU maximum 6.0 sem units; only one exam may be applied to the baccalaureate		NOTE: UC maximum 8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units for Calculus Exams	
Calculus AB (or the AB subscore of the BC exam)	Area D2: Analytical Thinking; Competency in Math; and Math 265A	3.0 sem units	Area B4: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 2A: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units

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Calculus BC	Area D2: Analytical Thinking; Competency in Math; and Math 265A	6.0 sem units	Area B4: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 2A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Chemistry	Area A: Science	6.0 sem units	Areas B1 AND B3: 4.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 5A (with lab): 4.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Chinese Language & Culture	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Computer Science -- AP Unit Limitations			NOTE: CSU maximum 6.0 sem units; only one exam may be applied to the baccalaureate		NOTE: UC maximum 10.0 quarter/6.66 sem units for both exams	
Computer Science A	N/A	N/A	3.0 sem units	N/A	3.0 sem units	N/A
Computer Science Principles	N/A	6.0 sem units	Area B4: 3.0 sem units as of 8/2019	6.0 sem units	N/A	2.0 quarter/1.3 sem units
Computer Science AB (no longer offered as of 2010)	N/A	6.0 sem units	N/A	6.0 sem units	N/A	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Economics - Macroeconomics	Area B: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3.0 sem units	Area D2: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 4B: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
Economics - Microeconomics	Area B: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3.0 sem units	Area D2: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 4B: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
English Exam – AP Unit Limitations			NOTE: CSU no credit limit for multiple English exams		NOTE: UC maximum 8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units for both English Exams	
English - Language & Composition	Area D1: English Composition; Competency in English, and ENGL 201A	6.0 sem units	Area A2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 1A: 3.0 sem units
English - Literature & Composition	Area D1: English Composition; Competency in English, and ENGL 201A	6.0 sem units	Area A2 AND C2: 6.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 1A OR 3B: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Environmental Science	Area A: Science	4.0 sem units	Area B1 AND B3 (regardless of when completed): 4.0 sem units OR Area B2 AND B3 (only if completed prior to Fall 2009): 4.0 sem units	4.0 sem units	Area 5A (with lab): 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter /5.3 sem units
French Language and Culture	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units

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French Literature (no longer offered)	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
German Language and Culture	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Government & Politics - Comparative	Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences	3.0 sem units	Area D8: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 4H: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Government & Politics U.S. - Limitation			*Does not fulfill AHI California Government requirement. Students can satisfy AHI requirement after transfer			
Government and Politics - U.S.	Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences OR Area E: American Institutions	3.0 sem units	Area D8 AND US 2: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 4H and US 2: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
History - European	Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences	6.0 sem units	Area C2 OR D6: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B OR 4F and US 1: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
History - U.S.	Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences OR Area E: American Institutions	6.0 sem units	Area C2 OR D6 and US 1: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B OR 4F and US 1: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
History –Modern World	Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences	3.0 units as of 8/2019 6.0 sem units prior to 8/2019	Area C2 OR D6: 3.0 sem units	3.0 units as 8/2019 6.0 sem units prior to 8/2019	Area 3B OR 4F: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Human Geography	Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences	3.0 sem units	Area D5: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 4E: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
Italian Language & Culture	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Japanese Language & Culture	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Latin	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
Music Theory	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C1 (<i>only if taken prior to Fall 2009</i>): 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	N/A	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Physics AP Exam Unit Limitations	Cuesta: maximum 6.0 sem units total for Physics exams		CSU: maximum of 6.0 sem units total for Physics exams		UC: maximum of 8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units for Physics exams	
Physics 1 (replaces Phys B Fall 14)	Area A: Science	4.0 sem units	Area B1 AND B3: 4.0 sem units	4.0 sem units	Area 5A AND 5C: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.33 sem units
Physics 2 (replaces Phys B Fall 14)	Area A: Science	4.0 sem units	Area B1 AND B3: 4.0 sem units	4.0 sem units	Area 5A AND 5C: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.33 sem units

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Physics B (deactivated F 2014)	Area A: Science	4.0 sem units	Area B1 AND B3: 4.0 sem units	4.0 sem units	Area 5A AND 5C: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Physics C - Electricity & Magnetism	Area A: Science	4.0 sem units	Area B1 AND B3: 4.0 sem units	4.0 sem units	Area 5A AND 5C 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
Physics C - Mechanics	Area A: Science	4.0 sem units	Area B1 AND B3: 4.0 sem units	4.0 sem units	Area 5A AND 5C 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
Psychology	Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences	3.0 sem units	Area D9: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 4I: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units
Spanish Language and Culture	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Spanish Literature and Culture	Area C: Arts/Humanities	6.0 sem units	Area C2: 3.0 sem units	6.0 sem units	Area 3B AND 6A: 3.0 sem units	8.0 quarter/5.3 sem units
Statistics	Area D2: Analytical Thinking; Competency in Math; and Math 265A	3.0 sem units	Area B4: 3.0 sem units	3.0 sem units	Area 2: 3.0 sem units	4.0 quarter/2.7 sem units