

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDIT POLICY
Effective Fall 2018

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board has established a set of guidelines by which institutions must award course credit for advanced placement exams. This policy should be implemented by institutions for entering freshman in the Fall 2018 semester.

I. Course Credit. Under this policy, institutions should award course credit to students who score a three (3) or higher on any Advanced Placement (AP) exam. Credit awarded for any AP exam must be applied to the student transcript and, where appropriate, reduce the total number of required degree hours accordingly by either directly satisfying degree or elective requirements. In order to increase transferability, ACTS courses have been assigned to relevant exams.

These courses are outlined in the following section of this policy. This list is maintained by the Department of Higher Education and will be reviewed every five years.

II. Advanced Placement ACTS Courses. The following table maps AP exams to corresponding ACTS courses. AP exams without a corresponding ACTS course listed below should be awarded at the discretion of the institution.

| AP EXAM | ACTS COURSE |
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| Art History | ARTA1003 Art Appreciation |
| Biology | BIOL1004 Biology for Non-Majors |
| Calculus AB | MATH2405 Calculus I |
| Calculus BC | MATH2505 Calculus II |
| Chemistry | CHEM1004 Chemistry for General Education |
| Computer Science A | CPSI1003 Introduction to Computers |
| Computer Science Principles | CPSI1003 Introduction to Computers |
| English Language and Composition | ENG1013 Composition I |
| Environmental Science | GEOL1124 Environmental Geology |
| European History | HIST1213 Western Civilization I or HIST1223 Western Civilization II |
| French Language and Culture | FREN2013 French III |
| German Language and Culture | GERM2013 German III |
| Human Geography | GEOG1113 Human Geography |
| Macroeconomics | ECON2103 Principles of Macroeconomics |
| Microeconomics | ECON2203 Principles of Microeconomics |
| Music Theory | MUSC1003 Music Appreciation |
| Physics 1 | PHYS2014 Algebra/Trigonometry-Based Physics I |

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| Physics 2 | PHYS2024 Algebra/Trigonometry-Based Physics II |
| Psychology | PSYC1103 General Psychology |
| Spanish Language and Culture | SPAN2013 Spanish III |
| Statistics | MATH2103 Introduction to Statistics |
| United States Government and Politics | PLSC2003 American National Government |
| United States History | HIST2113 United States History I <i>or</i> HIST2123 United States History II |
| World History | HIST1113 World Civilizations I <i>or</i> HIST1123 World Civilizations II |

III. Limitations

- 1. Additional Credit. (a)** Institutions will be limited to awarding minimum credit for one corresponding ACTS course listed in the table above to students who score a three (3) on the exam. If in the best interest of the student, institutions may award a higher-level course for a score of three (3).

(b) Institutions may choose to award additional credit for those students who score a four (4) or five (5) on an exam. While transfer institutions are encouraged to accept any additional AP credit awarded, the transfer institution will not be obligated to honor additional credit given beyond the requirement.

(c) Institutions may award additional credit for prerequisite courses when credit is awarded for a higher level sequenced course.
- 2. AP Exam Scores Below Three (3).** In order to maintain consistency and high academic standards in the state, no course credit may be awarded for an AP exam score below a three (3).
- 3. Courses Not Offered.** An institution is not required to award credit for an AP exam if the institution does not offer the corresponding ACTS course.
- 4. Policy Review.** Policy effectiveness based on placement and student success may be reviewed annually by ADHE.