

# Application of External Exams (AP, IB, CLEP)

*Important Note to Students* – If you plan to complete an Associate Degree or CSU GE or IGETC certification within the San Mateo County Community College District, submit official AP, IB, or CLEP exam results to your Admissions and Records Office and request a SMCCCD Transcript Evaluation at [www.smccd.edu/transeval](http://www.smccd.edu/transeval).

Skyline College applies external exam credit to associate degree general education requirements in the same manner as CSU applies external exam credit to CSU general education requirements. **External exam results are applied to General Education Area Requirements Only.** External exam evaluation results appear on WebSmart Degree Works Audit.

Transfer students should work with a counselor to determine how to apply external exam results to transfer major requirements. All students should work with a counselor to develop a comprehensive SEP after the external exam evaluation is completed.

## Advanced Placement Test Policy 2015-16

The following chart outlines the application of credit for College Board Advanced Placement (AP) towards the Skyline College Associate Degree General Education (GE) requirements, California State University General Education (GE) Breadth Certification, and Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Certification. Skyline College applies external exam credit to associate degree general education requirements in the same manner as CSU applies external exam credit to CSU general education requirements.

Advanced Placement Test Score of 3, 4, or 5	Skyline College Associate Degree GE 3 semester units Unless otherwise indicated	CSU Minimum Semester Credits Earned	CSU GE Breadth Certification 3 semester units Unless otherwise indicated	IGETC Certification 3 semester units or 4 quarter units Unless otherwise indicated	UC AP Credit Policy Total quarter units awarded
Art History	Area C1 or C2	6 units	Area C1 or C2	Area 3A or Area 3B	8 units
Art (Studio): 2D design	None	3 units	None	None	8 units Max. 8 quarter units for all 3 exams
Art (Studio): 3D design	None	3 units	None	None	8 units Max. 8 quarter units for all 3 exams
Art (Studio): Drawing	None	3 units	None	None	8 units Max. 8 quarter units for all 3 exams
Biology	Area B2 & Area B3 4 units	6 units	Area B2 & Area B3 4 units	Area 5B & Area 5C 4 semester units or 5 quarter units	8 units
Calculus AB	Area A3 <sup>(3)</sup> Meets Math Competency	3 units	Area B4 <sup>(3)</sup>	Area 2	4 units Max. 8 quarter units for both Calculus AB & BC
Calculus BC	Area A3 <sup>(3)</sup> Meets Math Competency	6 units	Area B4 <sup>(3)</sup>	Area 2	8 units Max. 8 quarter units for both Calculus AB & BC
Calculus BC/ AB Subscore	Area A3 <sup>(3)</sup> Meets Math Competency	3 units	Area B4 <sup>(3)</sup>	Area 2	4 units Max. 4 quarter units for both Calculus AB and AB Subscore

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<b>Chemistry</b>	Area B1 & B3 <sup>(1)</sup> 4 units	6 units	Area B1 & B3 <sup>(1)</sup> 4 units	Area 5A & Area 5C 4 semester units or 5 quarter units	8 units
<b>Chinese Language and Culture</b>	Area C2	6 units	Area C2	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
<b>Comparative Government and Politics</b>	Area D	3 units	Area D	Area 4	4 units
<b>Computer Science A Computer Science AB – (test no longer offered)</b>	None None	3 units <sup>(3)</sup> 6 units <sup>(3)</sup>	None None	None None	2 units 4 units Max. 4 units for both A & AB exams
<b>English Language &amp; Composition</b>	Area A2 Meets the Writing/ Reading Competency	6 unit	Area A2	Area 1A	Max. 8 units for both English Language/ & Literature/ Composition exams
<b>English Literature &amp; Composition</b>	Area A2 & Area C2 Meets Writing/Reading Competency 6 units	6 units	Area A2 & Area C2 6 units	Area 1A or Area 3B	Max. 8 units for both English Language/ & Literature/ Composition exams
<b>Environmental Science</b>	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(5)</sup> 4 units	4 units	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(5)</sup> 4 units	Area 5A & Area 5C**	4 units
<b>European History</b>	Area C2 or Area D	6 units	Area C2 or Area D	Area 3B or Area 4	8 units
<b>French Language &amp; Culture</b>	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	6 units	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
<b>French Literature</b>	<b>If taken prior to Fall 09</b> Area C2	<b>If taken prior to Fall 09</b> 6 units	<b>If taken prior to Fall 09</b> Area C2	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
<b>German Language &amp; Culture</b>	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	6 units	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
<b>Human Geography</b>	Area D	3 units	Area D	Area 4	4 units
<b>Italian Language and Culture</b>	Area C2	6 units	Area C2	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
<b>Japanese Language and Culture</b>	Area C2	6 units	Area C2	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
<b>Latin</b>	Area C2	6units	Area C2	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
<b>Latin Literature</b>	<b>If taken prior to Fall 09</b> Area C2	<b>If taken prior to Fall 09</b> 6 units	<b>If taken prior to Fall 09</b> Area C2	Area 3B & Area 6A	4 units
<b>Latin: Vergil</b>	<b>If taken prior to Fall 12</b> Area C2	<b>If taken prior to Fall 12</b> 3 units	<b>If taken prior to Fall 12</b> Area C2	Area 3B & Area 6A	4 units
<b>Macroeconomics</b>	Area D	3 units	Area D	Area 4	4 units
<b>Microeconomics</b>	Area D	3 units	Area D	Area 4	4 units

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Music Theory	If taken prior to Fall 09 Area C1	If taken prior to Fall 09 6 units	If taken prior to Fall 09 Area C1	None	8 units
Physics 1	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	4 units	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	–	8 units Max. 8 quarter units for all Physics exams
Physics 2	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	4 units	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	–	8 units Max. 8 quarter units for all Physics exams
Physics B	If taken prior to Fall 13 Area B1 & Area B3 4 units <sup>(1,4)</sup>	If taken prior to Fall 13 6 units	If taken prior to Fall 13 Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(1,4)</sup> 4 units	Area 5A & Area 5C**	8 units Max. 8 quarter units for all Physics exams
Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	4 units	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	Area 5A & Area 5C*	4 units Max. 8 quarter units for all Physics exams
Physics C: Mechanics	Area B1 & Area B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	4 units	Area B1 & B3 <sup>(4)</sup> 4 units	Area 5A & Area 5C*	4 units Max. 8 quarter units for all Physics exams
Psychology	Area D	3 units	Area D	Area 4	4 units
Seminar	None	3 units	None	None	None
Spanish Language & Culture	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	6 units	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
Spanish Literature & Culture	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	6 units	Area C2 <sup>(2)</sup>	Area 3B & Area 6A	8 units
Statistics	A3 Meets Math Competency	3 units	Area B4	Area 2	4 units
U.S. Governments and Politics	Area D US Government Specific Area	3 units	Area D & US-2	Area 4 & US-2	4 units
U.S. History	Area C2 or Area D US History Specific Area	6 units	Area C2 or Area D & US-1	Area 3B or Area 4 & US-1	8 units
World History	Area C2 or D	6 units	Area C2 or D	Area 3B or Area 4	8 units

1) 6 units if test taken prior to Fall 2009; 4 units if test taken Fall 2009 and thereafter.

2) 6 units if test taken prior to Fall 2009. For application to IGETC, see IGETC Standards Version 1.5.

Note: "French Language" and "German Language removed from CSU AP list effective Fall 2011; "Spanish Language" and "Spanish Literature" removed from the CSU AP list effective Fall 2009.

3) If a student passes more than one AP exam in Calculus or Computer Science, only one examination may be applied to the Associate and/or Baccalaureate degree.

4) If a student passes more than one AP exam in Physics, only 6 units of credit may be applied to the Associate and/or Baccalaureate degree, and only 4 units of credit may be applied towards GE Breadth Certification.

5) Test prior to Fall 2009 may be apply to B1+B3 or B2+B3 of GE Breadth Certification. Fall 2009 or later, those credits may apply to B1+B3 only.

\* Students who complete these exams will be required to complete at least 4 semester units or 5 quarter units to satisfy the minimum required units for Area 5.

\*\* Physics B is being replaced by Physics 1 and 2 – 2014-2015.

References:

CSU Chancellor Office, Memo Code: AA-2015-02: System-wide Credit for External Examination, <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/AA-2015-02.pdf>  
Standards, Policies and Procedures for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Version 1.5, June 25, 2014, [http://icas-ca.org/Websites/icasca/images/IGETC\\_Standards\\_version\\_1.5\\_Final.pdf](http://icas-ca.org/Websites/icasca/images/IGETC_Standards_version_1.5_Final.pdf)

University of California, AP credits, retrieved May 14, 2015 from:

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/ap-satisfy-admission-and-igetc-req.pdf>

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/exam-credit/ap-credits/index.html>

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit Policy 2015-16

The following chart outlines the application of IB credits towards general education requirements for the Skyline College Associate Degree, CSU General Education Breadth Certification, and Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Certification.

IB Exam (All must be Higher Level)	Skyline College Associate Degree GE 3 semester units	CSU Minimum Semester Credits Earned	CSU GE Breadth Certification 3 semester units	IGETC Certification 3 semester units or 4 quarter units with a minimum score of 5, 6 or 7
Biology HL	Area B2 Minimum score of 5	6	Area B2 Minimum score of 5	Area 5B – without lab
Chemistry HL	Area B1 Minimum score of 5	6	Area B1 Minimum score of 5	Area 5A – without lab
Economics HL	Area D Minimum score of 5	6	Area D Minimum score of 5	Area 4
Geography HL	Area D Minimum score of 5	6	Area D Minimum score of 5	Area 4
History (any Region) HL	Area C2 or Area D Minimum score of 5	6	Area C2 or Area D Minimum score of 5	Area 3B or Area 4*
Language A Literature HL	Area C2 Minimum Score of 4	6	Area C2 Minimum Score of 4	N/A
Language A Language and Literature HL	Area C2 Minimum score of 4	6	Area C2 Minimum score of 4	N/A
Language A1 (any language) HL	If taken prior to Fall 13 Area C2 Minimum Score of 4	If taken prior to Fall 13 6	If taken prior to Fall 13 Area C2 Minimum Score of 4	Area 3B
Language A2 (any language) HL	If taken prior to Fall 13 Area C2 Minimum Score of 4	If taken prior to Fall 13 6	If taken prior to Fall 13 Area C2 Minimum Score of 4	Area 3B
Language A1 (any language except English) HL	–	6	–	Area 3B & Area 6A
Language A2 (any language except English) HL	–	6	–	Area 3B & Area 6A
Language B (any language) HL <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	6	N/A	Area 6A
Mathematics HL	Area A3 Minimum score of 4 Meets Math Competency Requirement	6	Area B4 Minimum score of 4	Area 2
Physics HL	Area B1 Minimum score of 5	6	Area B1 Minimum score of 5	Area 5A – without lab
Psychology HL	Area D Minimum score of 5	3	Area D Minimum score of 5	Area 4
Theatre HL	Area C1 Minimum score of 4	6	Area C1 Minimum score of 4	Area 3A

1) The IB curriculum offers language at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives. Language A1 and A2 are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.

\* IB exam may only be used in one of the areas regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

Students should be aware that college courses taken after the IB exam may duplicate the content of the IB exam and, in these case, the university (transfer institution) may not award credit for both the course and the IB exam. For further information, please consult with a Skyline College counselor.

References: CSU Chancellor Office, Memo Code: AA-2015-02: System-wide Credit for External Examination,  
<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/AA-2015-02.pdf>

Standards, Policies and Procedures for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Version 1.5, June 5, 2015  
[http://icas-ca.org/Websites/icasca/images/IGETC\\_Standards\\_version\\_1.5\\_Final.pdf](http://icas-ca.org/Websites/icasca/images/IGETC_Standards_version_1.5_Final.pdf)

## College Level Examination Program (CLEP) 2015-16

The following chart reflects the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credits that may be awarded toward the California State University General Education (GE) Breadth Certification and the Skyline College Associate Degree General Education (GE) requirements only. **CLEP cannot be used in IGETC certification.**

CLEP Subject Exam	Passing Score for CSU and Skyline College Associate Degree	CSU Minimum Semester Credits Earned	CSU GE Breadth Certification and/or American Institutions 3 semester units	Skyline College Associate Degree GE 3 semester units
American Government	50	3	Area D	Area D / Social Sciences
American Literature	50	3	Area C2	Area C2 / Humanities
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	Area C2	Area C2 / Humanities
Biology	50	3	Area B2	Area B2 / Scientific Inquiry
Calculus	50	3	Area B4	Area A3 / Critical Thinking Meets Math Competency
Chemistry	50	3	Area B1	Area B1 / Scientific Inquiry
College Algebra	50	3	Area B4	Area A3 / Critical Thinking Meets Math Competency
College Algebra – Trigonometry	50	3	Area B4	Area A3 / Critical Thinking Meets Math Competency
College Math	50	0	N/A	N/A
English Composition (no essay)	50	0	N/A	N/A
English Composition (with essay)	50	0	N/A	N/A
English Literature	50	3	Area C2	Area C2 / Humanities
Financial Accounting	50	3	N/A	N/A
French Level I <sup>(1)</sup>	50	6	N/A	N/A
French Level II <sup>(1)</sup>	59	12	Area C2	Area C2 / Humanities
Freshman College composition	50	0	N/A	N/A
German Level I <sup>(1)</sup>	50	6	N/A	N/A
German Level II <sup>(1)</sup>	60	12	Area C2	Area C2 / Humanities
History, United States I	50	3	Area D & US 1	Area D / Social Sciences Meets US History Specific Area
History, United States II	50	3	Area D & US 1	Area D / Social Sciences Meets US History Specific Area
Human Growth and Development	50	3	Area E	Area E / Life Long Learning & Self-Development
Humanities	50	3	C2	Area C2 / Humanities

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Information System and Computer Applications	50	3	N/A	N/A
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	N/A	N/A
Introductory Business Law	50	3	N/A	N/A
Introductory Psychology	50	3	Area D	Area D / Social Sciences
Introductory Sociology	50	3	Area D	Area D / Social Sciences
Natural Sciences	50	3	Area B1 or B2	Area B1 or B2 / Scientific Inquiry
Pre-Calculus	50	3	Area B4	Area A3 / Critical Thinking Meets Math Competency
Principles of Accounting	50	3	N/A	N/A
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	Area D	Area D / Social Sciences
Principles of Management	50	3	N/A	N/A
Principles of Marketing	50	3	N/A	N/A
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	Area D	Area D / Social Sciences
Social Sciences and History	50	0	N/A	N/A
Spanish Level I <sup>(1)</sup>	50	6	N/A	N/A
Spanish Level II <sup>(1)</sup>	63	12	Area C2	Area C2 / Humanities
Trigonometry	50	3	Area B4	Area A3 / Critical Thinking Meets Math Competency
Western Civilization I	50	3	Area C2 or Area D	Area C2 or Area D / Humanities or Social Sciences
Western Civilization II	50	3	Area D	Area D / Social Sciences

1) If a student passes more than one CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one examination may be applied to the Associate and/or Baccalaureate degree. For each test in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered "Level I" and earns six units of Associate and/or Baccalaureate degree credit; the higher score listed for each test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of GE Breadth Certification, as noted.

Reference: CSU Chancellor Office, Memo Code: AA-2015-02: System-wide Credit for External Examination, <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/AA-2015-02.pdf>

## Additional Information on External Exams

1. Issues around credit for external exams are complex. Where there is common use for general education AREAS as noted above, the application of units for admission, the use of external exams to meet major requirements, and more, is complex and specific to the receiving transfer institution. It is up to the student to thoroughly research this information.
2. Students who have earned credit through AP, IB, and/or CLEP should not take a comparable college course because credit will not be granted for both the external examination and the comparable college course.
3. This chart identifies how the Skyline College applies AP, IB, and CLEP credit to associate degree general education area requirements, CSU GE areas, and IGETC areas in the same manner as the CSU system applies AP, IB, and CLEP credit to CSU GE area requirements. The chart does not provide information about *if or how* external exam results apply to major course requirements (for the Associate Degree).
4. At Skyline College, each instructional division determines *if or how* AP, IB, and/or CLEP credit is applied to associate degree major or certificate requirements. Students are encouraged to speak with a counselor for assistance.
5. Transfer Students: This chart does not provide information about transfer credit generated by external exams for the purpose of admissions, nor does it provide information on the application of AP, IB, or CLEP credit to meet lower-division major requirements. Each transfer institution determines *if or how* external exam results are applied.
6. References to use for information about external exams are:
  - CSU Chancellor Office, Memo Code: AA-2015-02: System-wide Credit for External Examination, <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/AA-2015-02.pdf>
  - Standards, Policies and Procedures for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Version 1.5, June 25, 2014, [http://icas-ca.org/Websites/icasca/images/IGETC\\_Standards\\_version\\_1.5\\_Final.pdf](http://icas-ca.org/Websites/icasca/images/IGETC_Standards_version_1.5_Final.pdf)
  - University of California, AP credits, retrieved May 14, 2015 from: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/ap-satisfy-admission-and-igetc-req.pdf>  
<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/exam-credit/ap-credits/index.html>
  - Refer to the college catalog of your transfer destination to learn more about how external exam credit is applied on that campus.

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